

# Who Will Roll Away The Stone?



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Mark 16:1-15

1. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away — for it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. 7 But go, tell His disciples — and Peter — that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

8 So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

9 Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. 10 She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. 11 And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

12 After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. 13 And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.

14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

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THERE IS A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION IN THIS PASSAGE.

...Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

**Unless the stone is rolled away, we are not able to see the:**

*POWER* of God

*PRESENCE* of God

*PROMISE* of God

*PURPOSE* of God

*THE STONE CAN ONLY BE ROLLED AWAY BY -*

- THE SUPER-NATURAL POWER of God—(power)  
The earthquake confined to the immediate area  
The Angel rolled away the stone
- THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD— (presence of God)  
God is at work all the time  
God sees the stones in our lives
- THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD—(promise)  
Man is to experience Salvation  
His redemptive plan is available to all

**Who could roll the stone away?**

The Disciples

Joseph of Arimathea

Nicodemus

Mary Magdalene, the other Mary

**ONLY, THE ANGEL OF THE LORD**

**Do you have any stones that need to be rolled away?**

Unless the stone is rolled away, we are not able to see the:

POWER

PROMISE

PRESENCE

PURPOSE