

Chapter 16

The third day, to three women at his Sepulcher, an Angel telleth that he is rifen, and wil (as he promised Mar. 14. 28.) shew himself in Galilee. 9. The fame day he appeareth to Marie Magdalene, afterward to two Difciples: yet the Eleuen wil not beleue it, vntil to them alfo he appeareth. 15. To whom hauing giuen commiffion into al Nations, with power alfo of Miracles, he ascendeth, and they plant his Church euery where.

*Mt. 28, 1.
Luc. 24, 1.
Io. 20, 1.*

And when the Sabbath was past, Marie Magdalene and Marie of Iames, and Salôme bought spices, that comming they might anoint IESVS.

² And very early the first of the Sabbaths, they come to the monument, the funne being now rifen. ³ And they said one to an other: Who shall roll vs back the stone from the doore of the monument? ⁴ And looking, they saw the stone rolled back. For it was very great. ⁵ And entering into the monument, they saw a yong man fitting on the right hand couered with a white robe: and they were astonished. ⁶ Who saith to thē: Be not dismayed; you seeke IESVS of Nazareth, that was crucified; he is rifen, he is not here, behold the place where they laid him. ⁷ But goe, tel his Difciples and ^aPeter that he goeth before you into Galilee; there you shall see him, as he told you. ⁸ But they going forth, fled from the monument. For trembling and feare had inuaded them: and they said nothing to any body, For they were afraid.

Mr. 14, 28.

*Io. 20, 16.
Luc. 8, 2.*

⁹ And he rising early the first of the Sabbath, appeared first to Marie Magdalen, out of whom he had cast feauen Diuels. ¹⁰ She went and told them that had been with him, that were mourning & weeping. ¹¹ And they hearing that he was aliue and had been seen of her, did not beleue.

Lu. 24, 13.

¹² And after this he appeared in another shape to two of them walking, as they were going into the

^a Peter is named in special (as often els where) for prerogatiue.

countrie. ¹³ And they going told the rest: neither them did they beleue.

Lu. 24, 36.
Io. 20, 26.

¹⁴ Laft he appeared to those Eleuen as they fate at the table; and he exprobateth their incredulity and hardnes of hart, because they did not beleue them that had seen him risen againe. ¹⁵ And he said to them: Going into the whole world preach the Gospell to all creatures. ¹⁶ He that belieueth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that belieueth not, shall be condemned. ¹⁷ And them that beleue these signes shall follow: In my name shall they cast out Devils; They shall speake with new tongues; ¹⁸ Serpents shall they take away; And if they drinke any deadly things, it shall not hurt them; They shall impose hands upon the sick and they shall be whole.

Mt. 28, 19.

Luc. 24, 51. ¹⁹ And so our Lord IESVS after he spake vnto them, was assumed into Heauen, and fate on the right hand of God. ²⁰ But they going forth preached euery where: our Lord working withal, and confirming the Word with signes that folowed.

The Ascension.

ANNOTATIONS

1 Bought spices.) As she did bestow and consume a costly ointment upon his body being yet alive (*c. 14. 3.*) Christ himself defending and highly commending the act against Iudas and other who accounted it to be superfluous and better to be bestowed otherwise: So not without great deuotion and merit, she and these other women seeke to anoint his body dead (though Heretikes or other simple persons may pretend such things to be better bestowed upon the poore) and therefore, she first before the other, and they next, saw him after his Resurrection.

Mt. 16, 9.
Mt. 28, 9.

12 In an other shape.) Christ though he haue but one corporal shape, natural to his Person, yet by his omnipotencie he may be in whatsoever forme, & appeare in the likeness of any other man or creature, as he list. Therefore let no man thinke it strange, that he may be vnder the forme of bread in the B. Sacrament.

The womens deuotion toward Christs body being dead.

Christs body vnder diuers formes.

16 He that belieueth.) Note well, that whereas this Euangelist mentioneth only faith & Baptisme, as though to beleue & to be baptized were enough, S. Matthew addeth these wordes also

Not only faith.

^a Miracles in the Church by imposition of hands.

Mt. 28, 20. of our Sauour, *teaching them to obserue al things whatfoeuer I haue commanded you*, which containeth al good workes and the whole iuftice of a Chriftian man.

17 Thefe figes shal folowe.) It is not meant, that al Chriftians or true beleeuers should doe miracles; but that some for the prooffe of the faith of al, should haue that giift. The which is the grace or giift of the whole Church, executed by certaine for the edification and profit of the whole.

The giift of miracles.