

Mark, Chapter 16 (The Codex Codpiecium. A scrap of vellum pasted in the pages of the Great Wenchoster Bible at the end of the Gospel of Mark. This text is freely translated from the Latin.)

And lo! The day after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, (1) and yet another Mary, and Salome (no, not that one) (2) brought a selection of balms, and came they unto the garden. And it was exceeding dark, and slippery. And behold, they sat on an rock and waited for the sun to rise. And at the appointed hour it verily did. And it came to pass that, squinting, came they unto the tomb. Now they were sorely troubled, for they knew of the stone which had been placed diligently at the entrance to the tomb, for it was a whopper and exceeding heavy, with rough edges. And lo! They looked, and behold the stone was rolled back. And it was so. Then entered they into the tomb and saw a youth, fair of face and limbs, dressed in white. And he was amazing (3). And he did wink, and saith he unto them, "You've just missed Him. He is not here. He arose early and said something about getting unto Galilee before you." And lo! The women ran out quivering deeply, and said nothing, for they were sore afraid. Verily.

Footnotes:

- (1) *Yes, that one.*
- (2) *Early manuscripts omit this comment.*
- (3) *Here the text is unclear and rather shaky.*