Easter Bible Trivia

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. What natural event does Matthew 28:2 describe when the angel comes down?
   - A. An earthquake
   - B. A hailstorm
   - C. A flood
   - D. A dust storm

   Correct answer: A. An earthquake
   Matthew describes a strong earthquake as the angel descends, rolls the stone away, and sits on it.

2. In Mark 16:3, what practical problem are the women discussing on their way to the tomb?
   - A. Who will carry the spices back
   - B. How to find water nearby
   - C. Who will move the stone from the entrance
   - D. Which road leads to Galilee

   Correct answer: C. Who will move the stone from the entrance
   The women wonder who will move the large entrance stone. In the next verse, they see it has already been moved.

3. In Luke 24:30–31, what is Jesus handing to his companions when they recognize him?
   - A. Dates
   - B. Bread
   - C. Water
   - D. Fish

   Correct answer: B. Bread
   Luke describes Jesus taking, blessing, breaking, and sharing the bread. His companions recognize him at that point.

4. Who does Mary Magdalene think she is speaking to in John 20:14–16 before she recognizes Jesus?
   - A. A temple musician
   - B. The owner of the tomb
   - C. A passing traveler
   - D. The gardener

   Correct answer: D. The gardener
   Mary assumes the person is the gardener. She recognizes Jesus when he calls her by name.

5. When Jesus asks for something to eat in Luke 24:41–43, which food does the account include in what the disciples give him?

A. Roasted lamb
B. Broiled fish
C. Boiled barley
D. Dried figs

Correct answer: B. Broiled fish
The account includes a piece of broiled fish. Jesus eats in front of the gathered group.

6. How does Mark 16:5 describe the figure the women see on entering the tomb?

A. A young man sitting on the right in a white robe
B. A young man sitting on the left in a white robe
C. A young man standing on the right in a dark robe
D. Two men standing together in white robes

Correct answer: A. A young man sitting on the right in a white robe
Mark describes a young man wearing white and sitting on the right.

7. In Mark 16:7, which disciple does the young man name separately in the instruction to pass along the message?

A. Thomas
B. Andrew
C. Philip
D. Peter

Correct answer: D. Peter
Mark names Peter in addition to referring to the disciples as a group.

8. Which woman does Luke 24:10 name alongside Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James?

A. Martha
B. Salome
C. Joanna
D. Elizabeth

Correct answer: C. Joanna
Luke names Joanna with the two Marys. He also says that other women with them told the apostles.

9. In John 20:6–7, what does Simon Peter notice about the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head?

A. It was rolled up apart from the other linen cloths.
B. It was spread over all the other linen cloths.
C. It was folded around the other linen cloths.
D. It was lying across the entrance stone.

Correct answer: A. It was rolled up apart from the other linen cloths.
John distinguishes the head cloth from the rest. It lies rolled up in a place by itself.

10. In John 21:9–12, what two foods do the disciples see on the fire when they reach the shore?

A. Bread and olives
B. Fish and dates
C. Bread and roasted lamb
D. Fish and bread

Correct answer: D. Fish and bread
The disciples see fish and bread already on the coals. Jesus asks for some of their fresh catch before inviting them to eat.

11. Which note correctly distinguishes the time of arrival in Mark 16:2 from the time of Mary’s visit in John 20:1?

A. Mark and John both say the sun had risen.
B. Mark says it was still dark, and John says the sun had risen.
C. Mark says the sun had risen, and John says it was still dark.
D. Mark places the visit at midday, and John places it at sunset.

Correct answer: C. Mark says the sun had risen, and John says it was still dark.
Mark describes the women arriving after sunrise. John 20:1 describes Mary Magdalene reaching the tomb while it is still dark.

12. Which pair of reactions is described as the women leave in Matthew 28:8?

A. Anger and grief
B. Fear and great joy
C. Curiosity and relief
D. Embarrassment and doubt

Correct answer: B. Fear and great joy
Matthew presents the women as frightened and joyful at the same time as they hurry to tell the disciples.

13. Which order fits Luke 24:30–35 after the travelers sit at the table?

A. They recognize Jesus, stay in the village overnight, and send a messenger the next day.
B. They return to Jerusalem, recognize Jesus, and then walk back to report it.
C. They tell the others what happened, return to Jerusalem, and then recognize Jesus.
D. They recognize Jesus, return to Jerusalem, and tell the others what happened.

Correct answer: D. They recognize Jesus, return to Jerusalem, and tell the others what happened.
They recognize Jesus at the meal and leave that same hour for Jerusalem. There they tell the gathered group about their encounter.

14. Which pair matches where Jesus blesses his followers and where they later spend time praising God in Luke 24:50–53?

A. They are near Bethany for the blessing and go to the temple after returning to Jerusalem.
B. They are near Emmaus for the blessing and go to the temple after returning to Jerusalem.
C. They are at the temple for the blessing and later gather in Bethany.
D. They are near Bethany for the blessing and stay in Emmaus afterward.

Correct answer: A. They are near Bethany for the blessing and go to the temple after returning to Jerusalem.
Luke says Jesus leads them as far as Bethany and blesses them. They return to Jerusalem and praise God at the temple.

15. Which note matches both details about the catch in John 21:11?

A. There were 153 large fish, and the net tore.
B. There were 135 large fish, and the net stayed intact.
C. There were 153 large fish, and the net stayed intact.
D. There were 135 large fish, and the net tore.

Correct answer: C. There were 153 large fish, and the net stayed intact.
John gives the number as 153 large fish and expressly says the net did not tear despite the size of the catch.