

## CRUCIFIXION RIDDLE: QUESTION

*Mk 16:1*

*And the sabbath having past, Mary the Magdalene, and Mary of James, and Salome, bought spices, that having come, they may anoint him,*

*Lk 23:56*

*and having turned back, they made ready spices and ointments, and on the sabbath, indeed, they rested, according to the command.*

The word, brought, in Mk 16:1, is from the Greek word, agorazo (Strong's #59). The Strong's definition of this word is

- to be in the market place, to attend it
- to do business there, buy or sell of idle people: to haunt the market place, lounge there

In other words, they brought the spices from the market, not brought the spices to the cave where Jesus was buried.

Mark passage says the woman brought the spices from the market **AFTER** the sabbath. Luke passage says they got the spices **BEFORE** the sabbath.

These passages are valid. Some Greek manuscripts are missing Mk 16:9-20, not Mk 16:1.

Explain the two passages, i.e., did the women buy the spices **BEFORE** or **AFTER** the sabbath?

Yes, I have an answer. But before you ask, share this riddle with a few others, especially those whom are knowledgeable in the scripture, and spend some time thinking about it. I.e., print this out and brainstorm with others. If you people are still stumped after a week or so, then grab the hints at <http://ooylt.info/BibleArticles/CrucHints.php> .

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