

Order of the Resurrection Events

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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES	EVENTS
Mt 28:2-4	There is a great earthquake, not to let Jesus out of the tomb but to permit witnesses to enter.
Mt 28:1; Mk 16:1-4; Lk 24:1; Jn 20:1	Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome, Joanna, and other women come to the tomb at daybreak, leaving their homes while it was still dark.
Jn 20:2	Mary Magdalene runs to tell Peter and John.
Mt 28:5-8; Mk 16:2-8; Lk 24:2-7	The other women enter the tomb and are addressed by the angel.
Jn 20:3-10; Lk 24:12	Peter and John arrive at the tomb after the women have left.
Jn 20:11-18; Mk 16:9-11 "first"	Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene.
Mt 28:9-10	Jesus appears to the other women.
Mt 28:11-15	The chief priests and the elders bribe the guards to cover up the resurrection.
Lk 24:8-11	The women tell the disciples.
1 Cor 15:5; Lk 24:34; cf. Mk 16:7	Jesus appears to Peter.
Mk 16:12-13; Lk 24:13-35	Jesus appears to the Emmaus disciples. <i>(the order of this event and the previous event could be interchanged)</i>
Lk 24:36-49; Jn 20:19-23	Jesus appears to the Ten in the locked room.
	Post-Easter appearances by Jesus: 1) to the Eleven (Jn 20:24-29; Mk 16:14?) 2) to the Seven at the Sea of Galilee (Jn 21:1-23) 3) to the Eleven on a mountain in Galilee (Mt 28:16-20; Mk 16:15-18) 4) to 500 at one time (1 Cor 15:6) 5) to James (1 Cor 15:7) 6) the Ascension (Mk 16:19; Lk 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11) 7) to Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:3-6; 1 Cor 15:8)

A HARMONY OF THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

JESUS' RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. And now, as the first day of the week began to dawn, while it was still dark, they came to see the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow; and the guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other women came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, for it was very large.

When Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb, she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

The other women entered the tomb; but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments, one young man clothed in a long white robe, sitting on the right side. And the women were alarmed and afraid and bowed their faces to the earth.

And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid or alarmed; for I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. Why do you seek the Living among the dead? He is not here, but He is risen, as He said. Behold, here is the place where they laid Him. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

And they remembered His words.

And he said to them, "But go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead; and indeed, He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. Behold, I have told you."

So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb with fear and great joy, for they trembled and were amazed; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And they ran to report it to His disciples.

THE VISIT OF PETER AND JOHN

Peter therefore arose and went out, and the other disciple, and they ran to the tomb. So they both ran together; and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first; and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. Stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and the handkerchief, that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

Jesus' Resurrection

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Unless we read over all four accounts carefully we can get confused as to what and when things happened in connection with our Lord rising again and the events of Easter morning.

How many women went to the tomb? a) Mt. says Mary Magdalene and the other Mary 28:1. b) Mk. says Mary M., Mary the mother of James, and Salome 16:1. c) Lk. says "the women" 24:1. d) Jn. Says Mary M., 20:1.

Who was at the tomb? a) Mt. says an angel came down, opened the tomb, then sat on the stone. His appearance was like lightning and he was dressed in white clothes 28:2. b) Mk. says a young man dressed in a white robe was sitting on the right 16:5. c) Lk. says two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them (the women) 24:4. d) Jn. says two angels were seen at the head and foot of where Jesus had been laid. This was after the earlier trip and after Peter and John had visited 20:11-12. When we put this all together we have a very good picture with no contradictions.

Women Come to the Tomb. When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might anoint the body of the Lord. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb, and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled away. Mt. 28:1. Mk. 16:1-4

Resurrection Announced. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. Mk. 16:5 "Don't be alarmed," he said, "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as he told you.'" Mt. 28:5-7

Women Reminded of Prophecy. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" the men questioned. "He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." Then they remembered His words. Lk. 24:4-8

Women Go Away Fearful. Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Peter and John Told. Mary of Magdala came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him." Jn. 20:2

Peter and John View the Tomb. So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He looked into the tomb and saw the strips of linen lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went into the tomb. "He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. [They still did not understand from the Scriptures that Jesus had to rise from the dead.] Then the disciples went back to their homes." Jn. 20:3-10. Lk. 24:12

Jesus with Mary Magdalene. When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had driven seven demons Mk. 16:9. Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put Him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," He said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking it was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" Jn. 20:11-17

Jesus Appears to the Women. So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me." Mt. 28:8-10

"Empty Tomb" The ancient world boasted of seven wonders: the pyramids of Egypt; the hanging gardens of Babylon; the temple of the goddess Diana at Ephesus; the lighthouse at Alexandria, Egypt; the Colossus (huge bronze statue) in the harbor at Rhodes; the statue of the pagan god Zeus at Olympia, Greece; and the tomb of the Persian king Xerxes. Of all those ancient wonders, only the pyramids are still standing. All the others have crumbled, along with the ancient world powers whose accomplishments they memorialized. But another wonder from the ancient world is still very much alive today. This wonder is more significant than all seven of these ancient landmarks put together. This is the wonder of the empty tomb of Jesus at Jerusalem. When the body of Jesus was placed in the tomb, the forces of evil were certain they had won the victory at last. But Jesus was raised on the third day. His resurrection proved that he was more powerful than sin and death and all the other negative forces that Satan uses against us. Wonder of wonders, Jesus lives! And his dynamic power is available to all who place their faith and trust in him.