

COMPARING THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

MATTHEW 28:1-15 ... MARK 16:1-8 *(9-14) ... LUKE 24:1-49 ... JOHN 20:1-8

**Anything from Mark 16:9-20 is not recorded in the earliest manuscripts and other ancient witnesses.*

Guarding the Tomb:

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 27:62-66			
A guard is stationed outside the tomb the day after Jesus' burial		No guard is mentioned; In Mark and Luke, the women who approach the tomb do not appear to expect to see any guards	

Jesus is Anointed Before Burial:

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 26:6-13	Mark 16:1-3	Luke 23:55-56	John 19:39-40
In Matthew's Gospel "the anointing" happens from an [unnamed woman] some time between the Entrance into Jerusalem and the Last Supper; At the tomb, Joseph wraps the body and the women come the next morning, but no mention is made of anointing Jesus	A group of women who were at Jesus' burial come back later to anoint his body	A group of women who were at Jesus' burial come back later to anoint his body	Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus anoints Jesus' body before burial

Who Visited Jesus' Tomb?

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 28:1	Mark 16:1	Luke 24:10	John 20:1
Two women visit Jesus' tomb: Mary Magdalene and the "other" Mary	Three women visit Jesus' tomb: Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James, and Salome	At least five women visit Jesus' tomb: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Joanna, and "the others with them"	One woman visits Jesus' tomb: Mary Magdalene. She later fetches Peter and another disciple

When Did the Women Visit the Tomb?

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 28:1	Mark 16:2	Luke 24:1	John 20:1
They arrive at about dawn	They arrive after sunrise	It is early dawn when they arrive	It is dark when they arrive

What Was the Tomb Like?

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 28:1-2	Mark 16:4	Luke 24:2	John 20:1
<i>The stone in front of Jesus' tomb was still in place and would be rolled away by an angel</i>	<i>The stone in front of Jesus' tomb had been rolled away</i>		

Who Greets the Women?

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 28:2	Mark 16:5	Luke 24:2-4	John 20:12
<i>An angel arrives during an earthquake, rolls away the stone, and sits on it outside. Pilate's guards are also there, "like dead men"</i>	<i>The women enter the tomb and meet one young man in there</i>	<i>The women enter the tomb and two men suddenly appear, it's not clear if they are inside or outside</i>	<i>(After the disciples leave) Mary Magdalene does not enter the tomb, but there are two angels sitting inside</i>

What Do the Women Do?

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew 28:8	Mark 16:8	Luke 24:9	John 20:10-11
<i>The women go tell the disciples (and meet Jesus on the way)</i>	<i>The women keep quiet, despite being told to spread the word ...</i>	<i>The women tell the eleven and to all the rest</i>	<i>First, Mary tells the disciples of the empty tomb; THEN <u>after</u> the disciples leave, Mary stays to cry, meets Jesus, then tells the disciples</i>