

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			
<i>A guard is stationed outside the tomb the day after Jesus' burial</i>		<i>No guard is mentioned; In Mark and Luke, the women who approach the tomb do not appear to expect to see any guards</i>	

Jesus is Anointed Before Burial:

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Matthew	Mark 16:1-3	Luke 23:55-56	John 19:39-40
<i>Joseph wraps the body and the women come the next morning, but no mention is made of anointing Jesus</i>	<i>A group of women who were at Jesus' burial come back later to anoint his body</i>	<i>A group of women who were at Jesus' burial come back later to anoint his body</i>	<i>Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus anoints Jesus' body before burial</i>

Who Visited Jesus' Tomb?

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

When Did the Women Visit the Tomb?

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

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 later</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</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 tell the disciples of the empty tomb, THEN <u>after</u> the disciples leave, Mary stays to cry, meets Jesus, then tells the disciples</i>