

The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus

I. The Empty Tomb is Discovered (early Sunday morning - crack of dawn)

- A. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome gather spices for burial and approach tomb [[Mt 28:1](#); [Mk 16:1](#)]
- B. An angel rolls away the stone from tomb entrance and sits on it - guards freeze like corpses! [[Mt 28:2-4](#)]
- C. Women reach tomb at daybreak to find stone rolled away [[Mk 16:2-4](#); [Lk 24:1-2](#); [Jn 20:1](#)]
- D. Angels tell women "He is risen" and command them to inform disciples [[Mt 28:5-8](#); [Mk 16:5-8](#); [Lk 24:3-8](#)]
- E. Women tell 11 disciples of empty tomb and angelic message [[Lk 24:9-12](#); [Jn 20:2](#)]
- F. Mary Magdalene returns to empty tomb with Peter and John - Peter and John return home and leave Mary weeping in garden [[Jn 20:3-10](#)]

II. The Resurrection Day Appearances of Jesus (during Sunday)

- A. Jesus appears to Mary (not the gardener!) [[Jn 20:11-18](#)]
- B. Jesus appears to the other women [[Mt 28:9-10](#)]
- C. Temple guard inform Religious leaders of the empty tomb, and are paid off to keep quiet about it [[Mt 28:11-15](#)]
- D. Jesus appears to Cleopas and companion on road to Emmaus [[Lk 24:13-22](#)] (late afternoon)
- E. Jesus appears to Peter [[Lk 24:34](#); [1 Cor 15:5a](#)]
- F. Cleopas and companion meet with most of the other disciples and Jesus appears to them behind locked doors [[Lk 24:36-43](#); [Jn 20:19-23](#)] (evening)
- G. Thomas does not believe they have seen Jesus [[Jn 20:24-25](#)]

III. Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus (during 40 day period after Resurrection)

- A. One week after resurrection day to Thomas and 10 other disciples; again behind locked doors [[Jn 20:26-31](#); [1 Cor 15:5b](#)]
- B. To 7 of His disciples in Galilee an unknown number of days afterwards ("Peter, do you love Me?") [[Jn 21:1-25](#)]
- C. To the 11 on a mountain in Galilee (Great Commission) [[Mt 28:16-20](#)]
- D. To 500 disciples at one time [[1 Cor 15:6](#)]
- E. To His "brother" James [[1 Cor 15:7](#)]
- F. Various other meetings with the 11 during the 40 day period after the Resurrection [[Lk 24:44-49](#); [Acts 1:3-8](#)]