

	<b>MATTHEW</b> (27:57ff)	<b>MARK</b> (15:42ff)	<b>LUKE</b> (23:50ff)	<b>JOHN</b> (19:38ff)
The burial of Jesus:	Jesus is put into a tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea. A stone is then rolled in front of the entrance. The Pharisees “seal the stone” and set a guard.	Jesus is put into tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea. A stone is then rolled in front of the entrance [no mention of a seal or a guard being posted].	Jesus is put into tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea. No mention yet of a stone being rolled in front of the entrance.	Joseph of Arimathea <b>and Nicodemus</b> obtain Jesus’ body. They wrap it in linen and spices and lay it in a tomb.
First people to arrive at the empty tomb:	On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” [two women] go to the tomb. Time: “as the first day of the week began to dawn.” [28:1]  <b>Number of people: 2</b>	After the Sabbath “is past,” Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome [three women] go to the tomb. They see that the stone has been rolled away. It is “very early in the morning.” [16:2]  <b>Number of people: 3</b>	“The women who had come with him from Galilee” [23:55] and certain other women come to the tomb; the stone [first mention of it in Luke’s account] had been rolled away. They go inside the tomb, and the body is missing. It is “very early in the morning.” [24:1] <b>Number of people: unspecified</b>	On the first day of the week, while it is still dark, Mary Magdalene (alone) discovers (a) the body gone and (b) the stone rolled away. [20:1]  <b>Number of people: 1</b>
Earthquake <b>and a mass resurrection:</b>	There is an earthquake <b>and a mass resurrection:</b> Matt. 27:51-52	[No mention of an earthquake or mass resurrection]	[No mention of an earthquake or mass resurrection]	[No mention of an earthquake or mass resurrection]
The witnesses’ interactions with whomever they encounter at the tomb:	The two women (and the guards) see: An angel who <b>comes down from heaven, rolls away the stone, and sits on it.</b> The angel tells the women: “He is risen; go tell his disciples; <b>he [Jesus] is going before you into Galilee, and you will see him there.</b> ” [28:7]	The three women see a “young man” sitting by the tomb. He says, “He is not here - he is risen - go tell his disciples. <b>He [Jesus] is going before you into Galilee - you will see him there.</b> ” [16:7]	The women see TWO men standing in shining garments. These two men announce the resurrection.	Mary Magdalene doesn’t encounter <b>anybody</b> . She just finds an empty tomb with the stone rolled away. She leaves, and tells Peter ( <i>et al.</i> ) what she saw. Mary and Peter run back to the tomb; Peter goes inside the tomb, looks around then leaves; then Mary looks inside the tomb and sees two angels; <b>then</b> she turns around and sees Jesus. At first, she thinks it’s the gardener.]

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Jesus is touched (or not):	Mary Magdalene and her companion <b>hold onto Jesus' feet</b> [28:9] - after they've left the tomb, they encounter Jesus while they're on the way to Galilee to tell the disciples about the resurrection (see infra).			Jesus tells Mary Magdalene, "Don't cling to me." [20:17]
What the witness(es) do next:	The two women head off to Galilee to tell the disciples; on the way <i>*they encounter Jesus [they see the resurrected Jesus for the first time]</i> . Jesus tells the two women, "Don't be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." [28:10].	The three women leave in a hurry. [16:8] The angel had told them to go tell Jesus' disciples, but apparently they didn't.  [Luke reports that they <b>did</b> go tell the disciples.]	The women go and tell the eleven disciples "and all the rest." [24:9] Nobody believes them. [Wherever the 11 disciples are when the women talk to them, it's close enough that Peter can then "run" to the tomb. This means it's not Galilee; Galilee is 58 miles from Jesus' tomb in Jerusalem]	Mary Magdalene tells Simon Peter and "the other disciple whom Jesus loved" that the body is gone; Peter and the other guy investigate (they look into the empty tomb); then they go home. [20:10]
And then ...	The disciples go to <i>Galilee</i> , "to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them [28:16]" ... and Jesus is there.	Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene [ <i>*and she sees the resurrected Jesus for the first time</i> ] - apparently in Galilee(?); she then tells others about the resurrection; after that, Jesus appears "in another form" [16:12] to two unnamed people (maybe they were on the road to Emmaus? We aren't told); he later appears to the eleven disciples as they sit at a table. [16:9-14].	Peter goes to the empty tomb and sees the linen cloths lying by themselves.  That same day, Cleopas and another man <i>*encounter Jesus on the road to Emmaus</i> [they don't recognize him]. He "expound[s] to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." [24:27] Jesus sits down at the dinner table with them, reveals himself, and then vanishes. Cleophas and his companion go to Jerusalem and announce the resurrection to the eleven disciples. [24:33] Jesus suddenly shows up - in their midst - in Jerusalem. [24:36]	Mary stands outside the tomb weeping. She looks into the tomb <b>again</b> and sees two angels; they ask her why she's crying; she says "Because they have taken Jesus away."  Then she turns around and <i>*sees Jesus</i> - whom she assumes to be the gardener. <b>He</b> asks her why she's weeping; asks her whom she's seeking. She says, "If you've taken him away, tell me where you took him." Jesus says, "Mary," and she recognizes him; she addresses him in Aramaic ("Rabboni"). <i>Mary sees the resurrected Jesus for the first time right there at the tomb [in Jerusalem.]</i>

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				<p>Mary then goes and tells the disciples what she saw [if she had to go to Galilee to tell them, she traveled 58 miles]. The disciples do nothing. [20:18]</p> <p>That evening, in the closed room where the ten disciples are assembled (everybody but Thomas), Jesus suddenly appears. He says “Peace be with you.” He shows them his hands and his side. He breathes on them and says “Receive the Holy Spirit.”</p>
The first appearance of the resurrected Jesus is:	* ● to Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary.”	* ● to Mary Magdalene alone.	* ● to two men who are between Jerusalem & Emmaus.	* ● to Mary Magdalene alone.
The <i>location</i> of the first actual sighting of the resurrected Jesus (by <b>anybody</b> ) is:	● <b>between Jerusalem and Galilee.</b> Galilee is ca. 58 miles north of Jerusalem.	● <b>in Galilee.</b>	● <b>on the road between Jerusalem and Emmaus.</b> Emmaus is ca. 17 miles west of Jerusalem	● <b>in Jerusalem.</b>
The location of the first appearance of the resurrected Jesus <b>to the disciples</b> is:	● <b>in Galilee.</b> (see 28:16-17)	● <b>in Galilee(?).</b> (see 16:7)	● <b>in Jerusalem.</b> (see 24:33) Jerusalem is 58 miles from Galilee.	● <b>[we aren’t told].</b>

And there is yet a fifth account (of sorts) - I Cor. 15:5-8. Paul says that Jesus appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve, and after that to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, then to James, then to all the apostles, and finally to Paul himself.