

Easter: Event by Event

Who went to the tomb?

- [*] **Matt:** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary.
- [*] **Mark:** Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome.
- [*] **Luke:** The women who accompanied Joseph from Galilee to Jerusalem: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, among others.
- [*] **John:** Mary Magdalene.
- [*] **Acts:** No information.
- [*] **1 Cor:** No information.

When did they go?

- [*] **Matt:** At dawn, first day of the week.
- [*] **Mark:** Not specified.
- [*] **Luke:** At early dawn, first day of the week
- [*] **John:** Before dawn, first day of the week
- [*] **Acts:** No information.
- [*] **1 Cor:** No information.

What did they see?

- [*] **Matt:** Witnessed an earthquake; an angel rolled the stone away; also saw guards.
- [*] **Mark:** Found stone already removed.
- [*] **Luke:** Found stone already removed.
- [*] **John:** Found stone already removed.
- [*] **Acts:** No information.
- [*] **1 Cor:** No information.

Angels Appear

[*] **Matt:** An angel descended from heaven, rolled back the stone, and sat on it; his appearance was like lightning with clothing white as snow; the guards were so terrified that they apparently fainted; the angel assured the women that they need not be afraid; he announced that Jesus had risen, and he invited the women to see for themselves where his body had lain; he instructed the women to go directly to the disciples, tell them that Jesus had risen, and tell them to go to Galilee, where they will see Jesus.

[*] **Mark:** When the women entered the tomb, they saw a young man wearing a white robe sitting on the right side; the women were afraid. The man told them they need not be afraid; he said he knew they were looking for the body of the crucified Christ, who had been raised; he instructed them to tell the disciples "and Peter" that Jesus was going to Galilee, where the disciples were to also go, and where they would see Jesus. The women fled from the tomb in fear, and didn't tell anyone what had happened.

[*] **Luke:** Two men in dazzling clothes stood beside the women by the tomb; the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground; the men asked why the women were looking for the living among the dead, and stated that Jesus was risen; the men reminded the women of relevant scriptures.

[*] **John:** Two angels in white appeared to Mary Magdalene inside the tomb (after the two disciples had left). One angel was sitting where Jesus' head had been laid, and the other where Jesus' feet had been. They asked why she was crying, and who she was looking for.

[*] **Acts:** No information.

[*] **1 Cor:** No information.

Disciples learn of events and react

[*] **Matt:** The women left the tomb quickly, feeling both joy and fear; they ran to tell the disciples. But they encountered Jesus before they got to the disciples. Jesus instructed them to tell the disciples to meet him in Galilee. Later, they did meet in Galilee, where the disciples worshipped him, although there was still lingering doubt.

[*] **Mark:** Mary Magdalene told the disciples of the events of the day, after Jesus had appeared to her. The disciples couldn't believe what Mary was telling them. Later, two of the disciples saw Jesus as they were walking into the country; they returned and told the other disciples about it, but the disciples did not believe the two.

[*] **Luke:** The women went to the disciples and told them what had happened; the apostles didn't believe the women; Peter went to the tomb to see for himself, saw the linens, then returned home in amazement.

[*] **John:** Mary Magdalene immediately went to Simon Peter and the beloved disciple, who ran to the empty tomb, found linen wrappings inside; they returned home, leaving Mary Magdalene weeping by the tomb.

[*] **Acts:** No information.

[*] **1 Cor:** No information.

Jesus appears to the women and to the disciples

[*] **Matt:** Jesus appeared to the two Marys as they were on their way to tell the disciples the good news; Jesus said, "Greetings!" and assured them they need not be afraid; the women approached Jesus, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Jesus instructed them to tell the disciples to meet him in Galilee. Later, they did meet in Galilee.

[*] **Mark:** Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene after she had fled the tomb. He appeared also "in another form" to two disciples as they walked into the country. Then he appeared to the disciples at a table, and he scolded them for being so skeptical. He instructed them to spread the good news throughout the world, and he told them that they would be capable of performing miraculous and amazing fêtes, which would apparently serve as proof of Jesus' power.

[*] **Luke:** Jesus appeared to two men on their way to Emmaus, about 7 miles from Jerusalem. He spoke with them at length, but they didn't recognize him as Jesus until the evening meal when Jesus broke bread with them. At that point, Jesus vanished, but appeared later to his disciples in Jerusalem. The group was terrified at first, but Jesus showed them his wounds, and he ate fish, apparently not because he was hungry, but just to show that he was indeed alive. He instructed the disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they had been clothed with power from on high.

[*] **John:** Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene by the tomb; asked her why she was crying and who she was looking for; she mistook him for the gardener; she recognized him when he called her name; she called him "Teacher" in Hebrew. That evening, Jesus appeared to the disciples outside their room in Jerusalem. Thomas, who had not been present at that meeting, heard about it from the other disciples later. He refused to believe it until he saw Jesus himself. His opportunity presented itself a week later, and Thomas was finally convinced. Sometime later, Jesus appeared to the disciples for the third time, at the Sea of Tiberias, where they all had a good time fishing.

[*] **Acts:** Jesus stayed with the disciples for 40 days after his resurrection.

[*] **1 Cor:** . . . he was buried and he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than 500 brothers and sisters at one time. Then he appeared to James, then to all the disciples.

The Ascension

[*] **Matt:** No information.

[*] **Mark:** Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God. Apparently this took place as he sat at the table with his disciples in Jerusalem, probably sometime during Easter day, or into the evening. The disciples went out and spread the good news as instructed, apparently with the aid of the miraculous abilities Jesus had described.

[*] **Luke:** Jesus led the disciples to Bethany, where he was carried up into heaven while blessing his disciples. This was apparently sometime during Easter day, or into the evening. The disciples returned to Jerusalem, joyfully worshipping the ascended Christ.

[*] **John:** No information.

[*] **Acts:** After spending 40 days with his disciples after his resurrection, Jesus was lifted up and disappeared into a cloud from Mount Olivet, which was a day's journey from Jerusalem. They returned to Jerusalem, where they constantly devoted themselves to prayer.

[*] **1 Cor:** No information.