

**Bereans Bible Institute**  
**Module IV. The Life of Christ**  
**Lesson 27 – The Resurrection (Part 1)**

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I. Gospel Accounts of the Resurrection:

- A. Matt. 28:1-10
- B. Mark(a) 16:1-8; Mark(b) 16:9-11
- C. Luke 24:1-12
- D. John 20:1-18

II. Main Problems Harmonizing the Four Gospel Accounts:

- A. Matt. 28:1, 5-10: The women meet Jesus together after encountering the angels at the tomb.
  - 1. Mark(b) 16:9: Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene alone first.
  - 2. John 20:11-18: Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene alone first.
- B. Mark 16:2: Mary Magdalene and the women arrived at the tomb after sunrise.
  - 1. John 20:1: Mary arrived alone while it was still dark.
- C. Luke 24:4-12 – Peter ran to the tomb **after** Mary saw the angels and Jesus.
  - 1. John 20:6-13: Peter ran to the tomb **before** Mary Magdalene saw angels and Jesus.

III. Actual Sequence of Events: (**Assumptions**: Peter and John spent the Sabbath near the tomb; the other nine disciples and the women spent the Sabbath in a house inside Jerusalem).

- 1. Mary Magdalene, Salome, Joanna, Mary (mother of James), and other women (6+) left Jerusalem to walk to the tomb just before dawn. **Mary Magdalene ran on ahead of the rest.** (She arrived before sunrise, the others after sunrise. – John)
- 2. As they were traveling from Jerusalem, a great earthquake occurred and two angels rolled away the stone. One sat on the stone, the other sat inside the tomb. The Roman guards were struck down, then ran to tell the High Priest. – Matthew
- 3. Next, Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb **while it was still dark.** She saw that the stone was removed. Thinking that the body had been removed by the Jews, she ran to tell Peter and John who were staying nearby. – John
- 4. Peter and John ran immediately to the nearby tomb and saw the burial cloths inside. **John believed that Jesus had risen, Peter did not** (Jn. 20:8). They left the tomb together to go into Jerusalem and confer with the other 9 disciples. – John
- 5. Mary Magdalene remained at the tomb weeping; then she saw the angels; then she encountered Jesus; then she began running to the city to tell the other disciples – Mark(b); John
- 6. After Mary left, the other 5+ women arrived at the tomb. They saw the angels, and headed back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples what the angels said. Along the way they encountered Jesus. He told them to inform the other disciples that He would meet them all together in Galilee. – Matthew
- 7. Peter and John arrived at the house where the 9 disciples were staying. (He was there when the women arrived.) – Luke
- 8. Mary Magdalene arrived at the house first and told her story to Peter and the others. – John
- 9. The other women arrived, telling a similar story, and that Jesus said He would meet all of His disciples together in Galilee. – Luke
- 10. Peter, still doubting, ran back to the tomb alone and observed the burial cloths, but not the angels. – Luke