

**History and the Gospels: The Testimony of the Events
Surrounding the Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

	Matthew (28:1–10)	Mark (16:1–8, 9)	Luke (24:1–31)	John (20:1–18)
Tomb Visitors	2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene • “The other Mary” 	3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene • Mary, mother of James • Salome 	At least 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene • Joanna • Mary, mother of James • Other women • Later, Peter 	3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene • Peter • Other disciple (John)
Time of Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As it began to dawn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very early, after the sun had risen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early dawn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early, while it was still dark
Reason for Visit	To look at the grave	To anoint the body	To anoint the body	Not reported
Angels: Number and Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 angel • Sitting on the stone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 young man • Sitting inside the tomb, to the right 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 men • Standing inside the tomb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 angels • Sitting inside the tomb, at the head and foot of the grave slab
Entered Tomb	Unclear	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women: yes • Peter: unclear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John: no, then yes • Peter: yes • Mary Magdalene: seemingly no
First Appearance of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To women • On the way back from the tomb to tell the disciples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleopas and another disciple on the road to Emmaus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene, alone at the tomb