

## Possible Synchronized Order of Events of Jesus' Resurrection

Mt 1 = Matthew 28:1; Mk 1 = Mark 16:1; Lk 1 = Luke 24:1; Jn 1 = John 20:1

	Event	References
1	Women came to tomb from Jerusalem with spices. Left at dark, arrived at light. There were likely five or more women.	Mt 1; Mk 1; Lk 1; Jn 1a
2	Women reach tomb to find stone moved. <i>[Afraid to approach, send Mary to tell Disciples. But not yet know Jesus had risen, nor were they told.]</i>	Mk 2-4; Lk 2; Jn 1b-2;
3	a) Women decide to look into tomb. b) Saw angels who tell Jesus is risen and go tell Disciples. c) Women go tell Disciples. (Disciples not believe).	Mk 5a;Lk 3; Mt 5-7; Mk 5b-7; Lk 4-7; Mt 8; Mk 8; Lk 8-11;
4	Meanwhile, Mary finds Peter & John, still in Jerusalem. Peter & John go to tomb, leave Mary behind. John first (looks in, sees). Peter second (goes in, <i>thinks</i> ). Then John (goes in, <i>believes</i> ).	Jn 3-10; Lk 12;
5	Jesus appears to Mary at tomb. Peter & John had gone back to Jerusalem, Mary alone (either arrived after they left, or still lingered).	Jn 11-18; Mk 9-11;
6	Jesus appears to rest of women.	Mt 9-10;
7	Jesus appears to Peter alone.	Lk 34;
8	Jesus appears to Disciples on Emmaus Road	Mk 14; Lk 13-35;
9	Jesus appears to rest of Disciples at night, doors are shut. Jesus ('peace...why doubt?') shows feet, hands, eats. Thomas not there, but when told, 'unless see hands....'	Mk 14; Lk 36-43; Jn 19-25;
10	Jesus shows self to Thomas, week later, Thomas believes.	Jn 26-31
11	Jesus appears to Disciples at Sea of Tiberias. Jesus restores Peter.	Jn 21:1-14; Jn 21:15-25'
12	Great Commission	Mt 16-20; Mk 15-18; Lk 44-49;
13	Jesus Ascends to Right Hand	Mk 19; Lk 50-53; Act 1:4-8;
14	Disciples Go Forth with Gospel	Mk 20; Acts 1:9ff;

## The Significance of Jesus' Resurrection

**A.W. Pink:** We cannot make too much of the death of Christ, but we can make too little of His resurrection. Our hearts and minds cannot meditate too frequently upon the cross, but in pondering the sufferings of the Savior, let us not forget the glories which followed. Calvary does not exhaust the Gospel message. The Christian evangel is not only that Christ died for our sins, but also that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:1-4). He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification (Rom 4:25). Had Christ remained in the sepulcher it had been the grave of all our hopes: "If Christ be not raised," said the apostle, "then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (1 Cor 15:14). To be a witness of His resurrection was a fundamental qualification for an apostle (Acts 1:22). That God raised up the One whom the Jews had crucified, was the central truth pressed by Peter in his Pentecostal sermon (Acts 2:24-36). The same fact was urged again by the apostles in Solomon's porch (Acts 3:15), and before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:10; Acts 5:30). This foundation-truth was proclaimed also to the Gentiles (Acts 10:40; Acts 13:34). Its prominence in the Epistles is too well-known to require quotations.

### 1. Jesus appealed to His resurrection the most as proof of who He is.

"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said!" (Mt 28:6; 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19)  
Jn 2:19—Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.  
Jn 10:17-18—...My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.  
 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down Myself,  
 I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.

### 2. Necessary for our salvation (1 Cor 15:14,17-19)

If Christ gave His life as ransom, but His body is still held captive, then His death was not accepted as the ransom, and we are still in sin. If Christ is still enslaved to death, then so are we.  
1 Cor 15:14-19—<sup>14</sup>...if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. <sup>15</sup>Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. <sup>16</sup>For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! <sup>18</sup>Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable

### 3. Christ did not show Himself publicly after rose

Christ was crucified in public but raised privately (to friends). So now we are given the privilege and task to be *sent* to bring the glory of His resurrection to the world. It is important for us to *live* His resurrection life and *proclaim* His resurrection for the new life of sinners.  
Acts 10:40-41—<sup>40</sup>Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. (*Peter preaching to Cornelius' household*)

### See importance of Resurrection? (looking again at John 20...)

Christ's body was sealed in a tomb in a garden, setting the stage for victory in this second garden to "undo" the result of the Fall in the first. In the first garden, the seed of sin was sowed for death. In this garden the seed for life was planted.

**Matthew Henry:** Here is the Sun of righteousness set for awhile, to rise again in greater glory, and set no more. Here lies a seeming captive to death, but a real conqueror over death; for here lies death slain, and the grave conquered.

*Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory.*