

Empty Tomb Proclamations

Comparing and Contrasting

Sequence

- Source Criticism and Historical Criticism
- Lists of Appearances
- Gospel Traditions compared
- Reading each of the Empty Tomb Proclamations
 - Mark, Matthew and Luke
 - John

Assumptions

- Source criticism
- Historical criticism
 - a. Multiple Attestation
 - b. Embarrassment
 - c. Discontinuity
 - d. Sufficient grounds
 - e. Coherence

1 Cor 15

1Cor. 15:3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Mark

- **Empty Tomb**
- **Nothing else**
- **NB Manuscript tradition**

Matthew

- **(a) Empty Tomb Proclamation (Mt 28:1-8)**
- **(b) Resurrection Appearance Narrative (28:9-10)**
- **(c) The soldiers and the authorities (28:11-15)**
- **(d) Closure scene in Galilee (28:16-20)**

Luke

- **(a) Empty Tomb Proclamation (Lk 24:1-10)**
- **(b) Peter Visits the Tomb (Lk 24:11-12)**
- **(c) Resurrection Appearance Narrative at Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35)**
- **(d) Resurrection Appearance Narrative in Jerusalem (Lk 24:36-49)**
- **(e) Closure scene at Bethany (Lk 24:50-53)**

John

- **(a) Empty Tomb Proclamation (Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)**
- **(b) Peter and the Beloved Disciple visit the Tomb (Jn 20:3-10)**
- **(c) Resurrection Appearance Narrative in Jerusalem (Jn 20:19-23)**
- **(d) The absence of Thomas (Jn 20:24-25)**
- **(e) Resurrection Appearance Narrative in Jerusalem (20:26-29)**
- **(f) First Closure of the book (20:30-31)**
- **(g) Resurrection Appearance Narrative by the Sea (Jn 21:1-14)**
- **(h) Resurrection Appearance Narrative to Peter (Jn 21:15-23)**
- **(i) Second Closure of the book (Jn 21:24-25)**

Paul	Mark	Matthew	Luke	John
Third Day Cephas	ETP	ETP Women	ETP Emmaus pair	ETP Peter and BD
500			RAN Jerusalem	RAN Jerusalem 1 Thomas Absent
James and the Twelve		RAN Galilee	Ran Bethany	RAN Jerusalem II Thomas Present
				Conclusion 1
				RAN Sea of Tiberias
				Conclusion II

Mark

Mark 15:42 When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, **43** Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **44** Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. **45** When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. **46** Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

Matthew

Matt. 27:57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. **58** He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. **59** So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth **60** and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

Luke

Luke 23:50 Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, **51** had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. **52** This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **53** Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. **54** It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning.

John

John 19:38 After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. **39** Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. **40** They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. **41** Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. **42** And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Mark	Matthew	Luke	John
<p>15:47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.</p>	<p>27:61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.</p>	<p>23:55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. 56 Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.</p> <p>On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.</p> <p>On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.</p>	<p>No women</p>
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Mark

Mark 16:1 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Matthew

Matt. 28:1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Luke

Luke 24:1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

John

John 20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

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John 20:11-18

John 20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; **12** and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. **13** They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” **14** When she had said T, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to

him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” **16** Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). **17** Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” **18** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20

A vv. 1-3 Mary on a quest like the early stories
in this Gospel

B vv. 4-10 Partial resurrection faith: love +
scripture

A1 vv. 11-18 One-to-one encounter completes the
quest

JOHN 11-12 and 20

- **Mary** 11:1-2, 19-20, 28, 31-32, 45; 12:3 20:1, 11, 16, 18.
- **weep** 11:31, 33, 35 20:11; 13, 15.
- **loved** 11:3, 36 20:2
- **stone** 11:38-39, 41 20:1
- **sudarion** 11:44; 20:7
- **to rise** 11:23-24 20:9
- **feet** 11:2, 32, 44; 12:3 20:12
- **out(side)** 11:43 20:11
- **tomb** 11:17, 31, 38 20:1-6, 8, 11
- (his burial 12:7 19:40)

And therefore....

