

Harmonized Order of Events after the Resurrection

Scripture

Description

1.	<u>THE WOMEN</u>
Jn 20:1	Very early, while still dark.
Mk 16:1	Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of James (and Joses- Mt. 27:56), and Salome, and Joanna Lk 24:10 (and others?)
Mk 16:3	All came to tomb, wondering 'Who will roll away the stone?'
Mk 16:2	Arrived at tomb just after sunrise.

2.	<u>THE EARTHQUAKE AND ANGELS</u>
Mt 28:2-4	Some time before they arrived (enough time for the guards to have fled and left the tomb quiet and abandoned) there had been a VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE [Earth which shuddered in horror at His death (27:51,54) now leapt for joy at His Resurrection! (APlum p. 417).] 2 Angels (2? Lk) had come from heaven with <u>gleaming</u> clothes and: 1. Rolled away the stone 2. Sat on it
Mt 28:11-15	3. Frightened guards to death, who then left and went to the city.
Lk 24:2	Women arrive at tomb and find stone already rolled away.

3.	<u>MARY RETURNS</u>
Mk 16:4	
Jn 20:1-2	At that point, without going in or waiting to see the angel, Mary Magdalene ran back to Peter and John, reporting that someone has taken the Lord's body!

4.	<u>ANGEL'S MESSAGE IN THE TOMB</u>	[6:30 a.m.?)
Lk 24:3 Mk 16:5	At this point, the angel, with companion, is now in the tomb, perhaps in inner burial chamber, sitting on stone seat at the head or foot (right side) of declivity for the body.	
Mt 28:5	One angel is spokesman for the 2, appearing as a young man (Mk). Both are dressed in clothes that gleam like lightning (Lk 24:4 men in clothes that gleamed like lightning implies angels as men). Women, perplexed, enter the tomb, and suddenly see the 2 angels as men. They are frightened and one angel says:	
Mt 28:5/ Mk 16:6	"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.	
Lk 24:5-6 Mt 28:6	Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.	
Lk 24:6-7	"Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the 3 rd day be raised again."	
Lk 24:8	<u>Then</u> they remembered His words [and made application to the physical resurrection on literal 3 rd day, not the Great Resurrection at the last day].	
Mt 28:7/ Mk 16:7	"Then go quickly and tell His disciples - and Peter (Mk) - He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him just as He told you (see Mk 14:28). Now I Have told you."	

5.	<u>REPORT TO THE DISCIPLES</u>
Lk 24:9-12	* Other women join Mary Magdalene (v10) in relaying message. They add to hers, the message of the angel. But the disciples did not believe the women - nonsense! However (v12) Peter [and John] went to the tomb - they must see for themselves. Contrast Lk 24:12 [Peter went away <u>wondering</u>] with Jn 20:8 [John beginning to <u>believe</u>].

6.	<u>PETER AND JOHN</u>	[c 8:00 a.m.?)
Jn 20:3-9	* : Meanwhile Peter and John respond to Mary Magdalene's distressed message. They start out for the tomb to see for themselves. Both ran but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He could see strips of linen lying on the stone bed from outside. But did not go in. Finally Peter caught up, and according to his nature, went right on in. He saw strips of linen and burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head (folded by itself, separate from linen). : Finally John went in, saw and believed. : They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. No categories of Messiah for that. <u>NOT</u> what they were expecting. No angel, no appearance of Jesus.	

7.	<u>MARY MAGDALENE</u>	[c 9:00 a.m.?)
Jn 20:10	Peter and John went back to their homes.	
Jn 20:11	* Sometime while they were still at the tomb, or shortly after, Mary Magdalene returns to the tomb. She still does not go in but stands outside of it, crying - i.e. <u>wailing</u> (NIV study note). Finally she bent over to peer into the tomb.	
Jn 20:12	She saw <u>2 angels</u> in white, seated at the head and foot of where Jesus' body had been (cf Mk 16:5).	
Jn 20:13	The angels (no doubt same 2 that appeared to the other women (Lk 24:4)) asked her, "Why are you wailing the cry of grief?" She responded, "They have taken my Lord away and I don't know where they have put Him."	
Jn 20:14 Ap1	Then she turned and saw JESUS standing there, but didn't realize it was Him. [indication of how natural He looked in real body, not phantom body that glows or shimmers. Could be <u>mistaken</u> for common gardener. Cf also later appearance to disciples on the way to Emmaus].	
Jn 20:15	1 st words of resurrected Jesus: "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking He is the gardener, she says, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him."	
Jn 20:16	Jesus can no longer hold back His identity. In rush of love for her He says her name as only He could say it: " <u>Mary</u> ", [lit.: <u>Miriam</u>]. She immediately recognized Him and turns to Him and cries out "Rabboni" - my Teacher/Master	
Jn 20:17	She must have clung to Him, for He says "Do not hold on to Me" - Imagine this was after a while He sends her to tell " <u>my brothers</u> " [what tender reference to traitors who abandoned Him at the hour of greatest need! Forgiven].	
Jn 20:18	So she went to disciples with the news: "I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!" And she told all that He had said.	
Mk 16:9	* Specifically states that Jesus appeared FIRST to Mary Magdalene. While probably not part of Mark's original Gospel, it certainly represent a very early and likely reliable tradition.	

Ap2	8.	TO "THE WOMEN" (Mt 28;8)	[c 12 noon?]
Mt 28:9		Now Mary is back with the other women. Surely she would have sought them as soon as possible. Now sometime later, they are together when Jesus suddenly met them. (Note: they worship Him and He accepts that).	
		"Greetings!" They came and clasped His feet and worshiped Him. - This 2 nd appearance to Mary Magdalene who is overjoyed to see Him again.	
Mt 28:10		His message to them: "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers" [again, tender designation] - now new message = "to go to Galilee; there they will see me."	
Mt 28:11-15		So they go. Meanwhile guards are bribed to say his disciples came and stole the body.	

Ap3	9.	TO PETER	[c 1:00 p.m.]
Lk 24:34 (I Cor 15:5)		Probably after He appeared to the women (for He tells them to relay the message to His brothers ⇒ none know yet).	
		He appeared to Peter. Know NOTHING of where, circumstances or what He said in that precious reunion. Almost as if too scared to record.	

Ap4	10.	TO CLEOPAS AND ANOTHER ON THE WAY TO EMMAUS	[c 4-5:00 p.m.?)
Lk 24:13-32		Again not recognized at first. Opens scripture to them, then revealed in breaking of the bread. They hurried back to Jerusalem (Emmaus and Jerusalem 6-7 miles apart).	
Lk 24:33-35		Get back at 6 p.m.? to the eleven and others (women, etc.) who are now excited and saying "It's true! The Lord had risen and appeared to Simon!"	

Ap5	11.	TO THE DISCIPLES	
Lk 24:36-49		While they are still talking, Jesus appears and says 'Peace be with you'.	
Jn 20:19-23		So much for "Easter Day".	
		Jesus appeared 40 days after that (Acts 1:3) before the Ascension.	

Ap6	12.	To brother James	
Ap7	13.	Week after Easter to eleven again, this time Thomas with them (no contradiction between this and Lk 24:33 saying the eleven their first time because even Jn 20:19 would imply all disciples there first time if not him specifically (v24). Thomas had not been there, the eleven sort of their identity as a group at that point).	
Ap8	14.	One morning at the Sea of Galilee.	
Ap9	15.	More than 500 at once.	
Ap10	16.	Mountain in Galilee where they get the "Great Commission".	
Ap11	17.	Occasion of Ascension.	
Ap12	18.	To Paul.	

** please note **Ap#** = Appearance #