

## An Outline of the Lord's Burial, Resurrection, and Appearances

### I. His Burial. Matt. 27:57-61; Jn. 19:31-42

- A. The soldiers see that Jesus is already dead. Jn.19:31-42
  1. He is stabbed in the heart for good measure. (v. 35-37)
  2. *Note: There is no doubt that Jesus was dead. The "swoon theory" is completely ridiculous.*
- B. Jesus' body is claimed by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Matt. 27:57-61.
  1. They wrap the body and lay it in Joseph's tomb, rolling a large stone in front.
- C. The women prepare the spices for Sunday. Mark 16:1
  1. They apparently rest that night and over the Sabbath and come to the tomb early Sunday morning. Mark. 16:2, Matt. 28:1; Luke 24:1.
- D. On Saturday, the Jewish leaders ask Pilate to seal the tomb. Matt. 27:62-66.
  1. The guards are posted, but it doesn't stop the resurrection. (see Matt. 28:4, 11-15)

### II. His Resurrection Appearances. Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21.

**A. The First Day of Resurrection Life. A likely timeline of events.** Note: The events of Resurrection Sunday are variously described, but they all affirm the empty tomb, the witness of the women, and Jesus' resurrection appearances to his friends. As with any alarming, shocking event, there are different perspectives and various details reported by the witnesses. The differences do not necessarily conflict, however. They can be harmonized. Here is one way to view Resurrection Day.

1. Early in the morning the women (Mary Magdalene possibly arriving first and leaving first) find the tomb empty. An angel tells them to tell their brothers and sisters that Jesus has risen. Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 14:2-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1.
2. The women run back and tell some of the brothers, who don't believe them ... Lk.24:11.
  - a) Mary Magdalene rushes ahead and to tell Peter and John. Jn.20:1-3
  - b) Jesus appears to the other women on the way. Matt.28:8-10
3. Peter and John, run to see the empty tomb. Jn. 20:2-10
  - a) They walk away wondering ...
4. Mary Magdalene returns to the garden alone and confused, sees the angels, then sees Jesus, mistaking him for the gardener. Jn. 20:11-18; Mark 16:9
5. Jesus appears to Peter, probably sometime Sunday afternoon. Luke 24:34; 1 Cor.15:5.
6. Jesus appears to Cleopas and his friend on the road to Emmaus. Luke 24:13-32
7. Jesus appears later that evening to the disciples (minus Thomas) as a group. Luke 24:36-43; Jn.20:19-23.

### III. But wait! There's more...

**A. Between the Resurrection and the Ascension.** He continued to appear and teach his friends for 40 days. Acts 1:1-3. He appeared in the following situations:

1. To the disciples together (plus Thomas, one week after resurrection) Jn. 20:26-31
2. To the seven who followed Peter fishing. Jn. 21:1-25
3. To over 500 at one time. 1 Cor. 15:6
4. To James, Jesus' half-brother. 1 Cor. 15:7
  - a) James was not a believer before the resurrection. Christ's resurrection brought his own brothers to faith in him (Jn.7:3-5; Gal.1:19; Acts 1:14)
5. To the 11 in Galilee. Matt. 28:16-20.
  - a) Jesus gives the Great Commission.
6. To the 11 in Jerusalem and Mt. of Olives. Luke 24:36-43; Jn. 20:26-29; Mark 16:14
7. To the 11 at the Ascension. Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:3-9.

**B. After the Ascension.** He appeared at least six more times (that we know of) in the first century.

1. To Stephen at his death. Acts 7:55-56.
2. To Paul at his conversion on the Damascus road. Acts 9:3-6; 22:6-11; 26:13-18.
3. To Paul in Arabia. Acts 20:34, 26:17; Gal. 1:12, 17.
4. To Paul in the temple after his conversion. Acts 22:17-21.
  - a) See also Acts 18:9-11, in Corinth.
5. To Paul in prison in Jerusalem. Acts 23:11.
6. To John on the island of Patmos. Rev. 1:12-20.