

Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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“Resurrection of Jesus Christ”

Background Statements

1. Shireen, Jim and their children left a campsite and hiked up a mountain.
 2. Upon reaching the mountaintop, Jim saw a dragon in a lake.
 3. When the Tours came back to Houston from the campsite, they told others about the dragon they had seen on the mountaintop.
- Did Ambreen hike up a mountain?
 - Did the Tours go together up the mountain?
 - Did Shireen ever see the dragon?
 - Did Shireen ever tell others about the dragon?
 - How many dragons did Jim see while on the mountaintop?

The three statements are internally consistent, yet there is much left unspecified.

The Entire Tour Family:
Jim and Shireen Tour
Ambreen
Sabrina
Josiah
Ben

Some Records of the Resurrection that Raise Questions

- **Mat 28: 1** Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. (2 women mentioned)
- **Mat 28: 10** Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. (3 women + others)
- **Mark 16: 1** When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. (3 women)
- **Luke 24: 10** Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. (3+ others, Salome?)
- **John 20: 1** Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. (1 woman)

Some Records of the Resurrection that Raise Questions

- **Mat 28: 5, 6** The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen..."
- **Mark 16: 5, 6** Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.
- **Luke 24: 4-6** While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen..."

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- **Mat 28: 7, 8** "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you." And they [the women] left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.
- **Mark 16: 7, 8** "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'" They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they [the women] said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

One of Several Possible Initial Resurrection Event Scenarios that Corroborates with the Four Gospel Accounts

1. Women set out for the grave to anoint Jesus' body with spices. There are several women, including Mary Magdalene, Salome, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and one or more. (≥ 5 women)
2. Mary departs earlier than the others (or proceeds faster than the others) and arrives at the grave while it is still dark (and before the others arrive at the grave).
3. Mary sees the stone rolled away and Jesus' body missing (she sees no angels and no Jesus); she immediately turns and runs to report this to Peter and John.
4. While Mary is off getting Peter and John, the *other women* arrive at the tomb.
5. The *other women* arriving now at the tomb see the stone rolled away and angels telling them that Jesus has risen from the dead. Terrified, they flee and become scattered as they run.

6. Some time during the other women's (not including Mary) flight they become divided, and Jesus appears to >1 of them, but not all of them. He comforts those he appears to and tells them to tell the "brethren," which they do. The other women who were fleeing and not present at this appearance of Jesus, continue to run away and out of fear tell no one about their sightings (i.e. the moved stone and angels) at the tomb.

7. While the other women are in flight from the tomb, John and Peter arrive, with Mary likely running near them (probably behind John and Peter).

8. Peter and John see the grave clothes but see no angels and no Jesus. John leaves for home believing, while Peter leaves for home in amazement. Mary is left standing at the tomb without John and Peter.

9. Mary then sees and hears angels and then she sees Jesus, first thinking him to be the gardener until He calls her name. After seeing and hearing and clinging to Jesus, she runs to tell the disciples that she's seen Him. Mary's seeing of Jesus occurred moments before His appearance in #6.