

Resurrection Narrative Comparison
 April 15, 2018 – Adult Sunday School

Mark 16:1-8	Matthew 28	Luke 24, Acts 1:1-11	John 20-21
Shortest account, only tells about the visit to the empty tomb	Follows Mark's account, adds more detail	Empty Tomb, Road to Emmaus, Appearance to Eleven, Ascension	Longest account of appearances
Empty tomb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “He has risen; he is not here...Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee.” • Women flee, trembling in fear, saying nothing 	Empty tomb (28:1-8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthquake, guards tremble and become like dead men • Women depart with fear <i>and great joy</i> and run to tell the disciples 	Empty tomb 24:1-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on the women's visit, but briefly indicates that Peter (v 12) and another disciple (v 21) also saw the empty tomb after hearing the women's report 	20:1-9 Empty tomb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief mention of Mary Magdalene's visit (v 1) • Longer account of Peter & John's visit to the tomb (v 2-9)
Original ending to Mark's gospel may be missing. Current ending (16:9-20) does not appear in earliest NT manuscripts. 16:9-20 is likely a summary of other narratives of resurrection appearances found in other 3 gospels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene (John) • Road to Emmaus (Luke) • Eleven at Dinner (Luke, John) • Great Commission (Matthew, Luke) • Ascension (Luke) 	Appearances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appears to women, presumably not far from the tomb (28:9-10) • Guards' report, conspire with elders to say that the disciples stole Jesus' body during the night (28:11-15) • Great Commission on a mountain in Galilee (28:16-20) 	Appearances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road to Emmaus, “that very day” 24:13-35 (Cleopas and another disciple) • Mentions but doesn't describe appearance to Simon 24:34 • Disciples at dinner, presumably Sunday evening 24:36-49 • Ascension 24:50-53 Acts 1: Forty days, many proofs (v 1-3) Promise of the Spirit (v 4-8) Ascension (1:9-11)	Appearances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene in the garden 20:10-18 • Eleven minus Thomas (Sunday evening) 20:19-23 • Eleven including Thomas (a week later) 20:24-31 • Seven by the Sea of Tiberias (Galilee), miraculous catch of fish, Jesus cooks bread and fish, reinstates and commissions Peter 21:1-25
Themes: Surprise, Astonishment	Themes: Jesus' Authority (over Fear, Confusion, and Doubt)	Themes: Fulfillment of the Scriptures, Initial Confusion and Later Recognition	Themes: A New Day Has Dawned, “so that you may believe”