

Jesus' Resurrection Appearances

As the angels told the women at the empty tomb, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee?” (Luke 24:5–6). The four New Testament Gospels record at least eleven resurrection appearances of Jesus to hundreds of individuals over a period of several weeks. None of the Gospels have all the appearances, which requires that we reconstruct the probable sequence of these appearances. The following chart will appear in my forthcoming New Testament Introduction due out with B & H sometime in the not too distant future.

<i>Recipients/Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Matt</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Acts</i>	<i>1 Cor</i>
Number of appearances		2	1	5	5	1	4

First Sunday

1. Empty tomb	Early morning	28:1–10	16:1–8	24:1–12	20:1–9		
2. Mary Magdalene/Tomb	Early morning				20:11–18		
3. Peter/Jerusalem	Late morning?			24:34			15:5
4. 2 Disciples/Emmaus Road	Midday/Afternoon			24:13–32			
5. 10 Disciples/Upper Room	Evening			24:36–43	20:19–25		

Second Sunday (One Week Later)

6. Eleven/Upper Room	Evening				20:26–29		15:5
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Subsequently (Prior to Pentecost)

7. 7 Disciples/Sea of Galilee	Daybreak				21:1–23		
8. Eleven/Mountain in Galilee	Sometime later	28:16–20					
9. More than 500	Sometime later						15:6
10. James	Sometime later						15:7
11. Disciples/Mount of Olives	40 days later			24:44–49		1:3–8	