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1	Now after the Sabbath, as the first <i>day</i> of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb (28:1)	Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary <i>the mother</i> of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first <i>day</i> of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen (16:1-2).	Now on the first <i>day</i> of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain <i>other women</i> with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared (24:1).	Now the first <i>day</i> of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark (John 20:1a).	There was a group of women present, but John focused on Mary Magdalene. Other authors reveal the identity of the other women.
2		And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" (16:3)			
3	And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead <i>men</i> (28:2-4).				This presumably happened prior to the arrival of the group of women.
4					The guards fled, and the

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					women arrived at the tomb.
5		But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large (16:4).	But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb (24:2).	and saw <i>that</i> the stone had been taken away from the tomb (20:1b).	
6	But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.” (28:5-7)				This incident likely occurred outside of the tomb.
7		And entering the tomb (16:5a),	Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus (24:3).		
8		they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to			This young man inside of the tomb is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> angel to appear to the women.

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		<p>them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples — and Peter — that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." (16:5b-7).</p>			
9			<p>And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed <i>their</i> faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "</p>		<p>These two men inside of the tomb are the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> angels to appear to the women.</p>

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			And they remembered His words (24:4-8).		
10	So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy (28:8a).	So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed (16:8a).	Then they returned from the tomb (24:9a)		
11		And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid (16:8b).			This was the initial response of the women.
12	and ran to bring His disciples word (28:8b).				But eventually they overcame their fear.
13			and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary <i>the mother</i> of James, and the other <i>women</i> with them, who told these things to the apostles (24:9b-10).	Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." (20:2)	John focused on Mary Magdalene's interaction with Peter and John. Luke painted a more complete picture.
14			And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them (24:11).		
15			But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had	Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb	

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			happened (24:12).	first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying <i>there</i> ; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying <i>there</i> , and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself (20:3-7).	
16				Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes (20:8-10).	
17				But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down <i>and looked</i> into the tomb (20:11).	

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18		He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons (16:9b)		And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing <i>there</i> , and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to	These could be two of the angels that Mary already saw. However, these could be two new (the 5 <sup>th</sup> and the 6 <sup>th</sup> ) angels. This would mean that Jesus was the 7 <sup>th</sup> person to appear to Mary and declare that He rose from the dead. As 7 is widely regarded as a biblical number of completion, this is quite satisfying.

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				her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" (20:12-17)	
19		She went (16:10a)		Mary Magdalene came (20:18a).	
20					During Mary Magdalene's return this second time from Jesus' tomb, it appears that she encountered a group of women who were also Jesus' followers. Perhaps this was the same group of women that were with her during her first visit. Presumably, she told them that she had just seen the risen Jesus!
21	And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.				

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	Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go <i>and</i> tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me" (28:9-10).				
22					After this group encounter with Jesus the women continued on to meet the disciples.
23		and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept (16:10b)		and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and <i>that</i> He had spoken these things to her (20:18b).	The focus remains on Mary Magdalene.
24		And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe (16:11).			Perhaps John was not present at this meeting, as he already believed (see John 20:8). Or perhaps John believed that Jesus rose, but didn't understand that the risen Christ would have a physical body that could be seen.