

**“The First Appearance at Jesus’ Resurrection:
An Archangel From Heaven Divinely Intervenes;
& The Faithful Response of God’s Chosen People!”**
Combined Four Gospels & Introduction to the Book of Acts

Event 1 - Four Women & One Man at the Cross (Compassionate, Courageous & Faithful)

Now there stood by the Cross of Jesus (**Four Women**): His **Mother (Mary)**, ¹ and His **Mother’s Sister** ² (**Salome, Wife** of Zebedee), **Mary the Wife** of Cleopas ³ (Who was Joseph’s Brother & Jesus’ Uncle), and **Mary Magdalene**. ⁴ When Jesus therefore saw **His Mother**, ¹ and the **‘Disciple Whom He Loved’** ¹ standing by, He said to **His Mother**, *“Woman, behold your Son!”* Then He said to **‘That Disciple’**, *“Behold your Mother!”* And from that hour **‘That Disciple’** took **Her** to His own home. ¹

Event 1a - Women Watching After Jesus’ Death (Contemplative, Sorrowful, & Vigilant)

But all His acquaintances, and the **Women** who followed Him from Galilee, ² and many other **Women** who came up with Him to Jerusalem, ³ **Who** were ministering to Him and looking on from afar, among **Whom** were **Mary Magdalene**, ⁴ **Mary (Wife** of Alpheus) the **Mother** of James the Lesser & of **Joses**, ⁵ and **Salome**, ² **Who** followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, ⁴ (and **Who** also was) the **Mother** of Zebedee’s Sons. ⁵

Event 1b - Burial of Jesus’ Body in the Tomb By Two Priests (Faithful, Respectful, & Sacred Honor)

Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁶ there came a rich **Man** from Arimathea, named **Joseph**, ^{2 7} a prominent (Sanhedrin) Council member, who was **Himself** awaiting the Kingdom of God, ⁸ a good and just **Man**, who had not consented to their decision and deed. ⁹ **He** was a Disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, ¹⁰ coming now and taking courage, ¹¹ asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. ¹² Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So, when he found out from the centurion, ¹³ Pilate gave **Him** permission. So, **He** came and took the body of Jesus. ¹⁴

When **Joseph** ² had taken the body down, **He** wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. ¹⁵ And **Nicodemus**, **Who** ³ at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then **They** took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. ¹⁶ Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid, ¹⁷ which **He (Joseph)** had hewn out of the rock; and **They (Joseph** ² & **Nicodemus** ³) rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. ¹⁸ So there **They** laid Jesus, because ¹⁹ that day was the Preparation Day, and the Sabbath drew near, ²⁰ and the tomb was nearby. ²¹

Event 2a – Women: Observant, Preparing Burial, & Keeping Sabbath (Faithful, Prepared, & Vigilant)

And the **Women Who** had come with Him from Galilee followed after, ²² And **Mary Magdalene** ⁴ and **Mary the Mother of Joses**, ^{5 23} sitting opposite another, ²⁴ (were) observing the tomb and how His body was laid. Then **They** returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And **They** rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. ²⁵

¹ John 19:25-27

² Luke 23:49a

³ Mark 15:41b

⁴ Mark 15:40-41a

⁵ Matthew 27:56c

⁶ Mark 15:42

⁷ Matthew 27:57b

⁸ Mark 15:43

⁹ Luke 23:50b-51a

¹⁰ John 19:38b

¹¹ Matthew 15:43c

¹² John 19:38c

¹³ Mark 15:44-45a

¹⁴ John 19:38d

¹⁵ Mark 15:46a

¹⁶ John 19:39-40

¹⁷ John 19:41

¹⁸ Matthew 27:60

¹⁹ John 19:42a

²⁰ Luke 23:54

²¹ John 19:42c

²² Luke 23:55a

²³ Mark 15:47a

²⁴ Matthew 27:61c

²⁵ Luke 23:55b-56

Event 2b - Interlude Between Jesus' Burial & His Resurrection (Guard Set & Tomb Sealed)

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the Chief Priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, *"Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise!' Therefore, command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead!' So, the last deception will be worse than the first."* Pilate said to them, *"You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how."* So, they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard. ²⁶

Event 3 - Very Early Resurrection Morning Before Anyone Had Risen (Divine Intervention)

[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 men.] ²⁷

The Protagonist of Our Triumphant Story is God

God the Trinity Was Unified In Their Divine Intervention & Resurrection of Jesus Christ

God the Father

"Paul, an apostle, not from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father Who raised Him from the dead."

[Galatians 1:1](#)

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know, Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it" ... "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses."

[Acts 2:22-24 & 32](#)

God the Son

So the Jews answered and said to Him, *"What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"* Jesus answered and said to them, *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."*

[John 2:18-19](#)

"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

[John 10:17-18](#)

God the Holy Spirit

"Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the Gospel of God which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who was born of the Seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."

[Romans 1:1-4](#)

"But if the Spirit of Him Who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He Who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you."

[Romans 8:11](#)

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit."

[1st Peter 3:18](#)

The First Witness & Actor at the Tomb of Jesus Christ Before the Resurrection – *Archangel Michael*
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²⁶ Matthew 27:62-66

²⁷ Matthew 28:2-4

The Antagonist of Our Joyful Story is Satan & All Those Held Under His Sway

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The Joyful Actors & Actresses Responding to the Lead of God in Our Story

The Men & Women Who Have Put Their Full Faith & Trust In Jesus Christ As Their Leader & Lord

This Starts at the Cross of Christ with Four Women & One Man

They Displayed & Demonstrated True: Compassion, Courage, & Faithfulness

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This Continues with a Group of Women After Jesus' Death on the Cross

They Displayed & Demonstrated True: Contemplation, Sorrow, & Vigilance

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This is Further Amplified by Two Men Who are Priests of God After Jesus' Death on the Cross

They Displayed & Demonstrated True: Honor, Respect, & Sacredness

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This is Carried Over the Weekend with a Group of Women After Jesus' Burial

They Displayed & Demonstrated True: Obedience, Preparedness, & Vigilance

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This Resurrection Morning We Are Confronted With A Very Important Question

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***“What Do We Do With What Has Been Revealed To Us In God’s Word
About His Divine & Triumphant Intervention In Resurrecting His Son For All Of Us!”***

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**We Need to Allow the Hope, the Joy, the Triumph, the Victory,
& the Gift of God’s Spirit Within Us to Stir Our Hearts & Minds to Action!**

**We Need to Be About Our Father’s Work,
Just as Our Foremothers & Forefathers We’re Doing So Long Ago!**

***“Let Us This Year Be God’s Holy & Obedient Actors & Actresses
Playing Out His Plan & Will For Our Lives & the Lives of Others Around Us,
As We Share the Hope & the Joy of the Resurrection Promise of Eternal Life!”***

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Compassion, Contemplation, Courage, Faithfulness, Honor,
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