

Lutheran Foundations: A Confirmation Curriculum©

Year 2. Jesus Christ: His Life and Work

The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish

Lesson 8. Jesus' Life: Ascension Through Easter

November 19, 2025

The Women at the Tomb

Earthquake and descending angel (Matthew)

One "young man" in white (Mark)

Two men in dazzling apparel (Luke)

No one, stone rolled away... (John)

First appearance: The Women or Mary Alone

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (Matthew)

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, & Salome (Mark)

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James
& the other women (Luke)

Mary Magdalene (John)

First Evangelists: Women!

Go and tell the disciples (Synoptics)

Go and tell my disciples (John)

Risen from the dead....

The Tomb was empty. Both political and religious authorities
would have loved to produce Jesus' corpse...

Explanations of the empty tomb:

- Wrong tomb
- Jesus got better and escaped
- Grave robbers stole his body
- The Authorities stole his body
- His Disciples stole his body

- He Rose

Additional reasons to accept resurrection as the most likely explanation

- The Testimony of many witnesses
- The Transformation of the Disciples
- The Power of the Church over time
- The Testimony of Billions who experience him still
- The ongoing transformation of lives

The Report of the Guard

The Road to Emmaus

Jesus appears to his disciples

Without Thomas “Have you anything to eat?”

A week later with Thomas

Appears to the 11 while they are at table and/or in Galilee

By the Sea of Tiberius (153 fish)

Reconciliation with Peter

Great Commission

Ascension