The Fourfold Account of Jesus’ Resurrection

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**Foundational Scripture:** Matt. 28:1-10; Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:1-12; Jn. 20:1-18

**Intro**:

* The Resurrection of Jesus is recorded for us in all four gospel accounts. Each gospel account differs because of its writer, its style, its purpose and its viewpoint. With the exception of the Feeding of the 5,000, Jesus’ Resurrection is the only other miracle that occurs in all four accounts. The Resurrection account forms the cornerstone of each gospel and without it the entire bible is a failure and Christianity ceases to exists.
1. **What do these accounts tells us about Jesus’ Resurrection?**
	1. **It demonstrates genuine shock**
		1. All four gospel accounts provide a description of the disciples/women and guards in a sense of amazement, fear and shock (Matt. 28:4-5, 8, 10; Mk. 16:5-6, 8; Lk. 24:4-5, 12, 37; Jn. 20:11, 16-17).
	2. **It demonstrates the fulfillment of the scriptures**
		1. Jesus spoke to the disciples that His resurrection was not a coincidence or the result of luck. It was a carefully executed plan by God that would result in salvation (Lk. 24:25-27, 44-48 cf. Psa. 16:10; Isa. 53:10).
	3. **It demonstrates the Power of God**
		1. The most important and perhaps most obvious point the resurrection of Jesus makes is that it could only occur because of the power of God. This is seen because of all the details that transcend human phenomena and human ability.
		2. This includes the earthquake (Matt. 28:2), the appearance of angels (Matt. 28:2-8; Mk. 16:5-7; Lk. 24:4-7; Jn. 20:11-13), the empty tomb (Mk 16:5; Lk. 24:2-3, 12; Jn. 20:4-7, 11-12) and Jesus’ supernatural bodily appearance (Jn. 20:19-20, 26-28).
		3. Jesus’ resurrection being the ultimate miracle in all gospel accounts further demonstrates that all this took place to manifest the power of God and His power to save (Matt. 12:38-42).
		4. Miracles were signs pointing us to the reality that only God can do such things but more important only He can save us from our ultimate problem of sin through Jesus Christ (Tit. 3:3-8).