

**SCTR 26 Gender in Early Christianity**  
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**The Gospels as Evidence**

**Gospel Synopses**

**1. Ministry** (No parallel in John)

<b>Matthew 9:35</b>	<b>Mark 6:6b; 16:9</b>	<b>Luke 8:1-3</b>
<p><i>[see 2. Death]</i> And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">and healing every disease and infirmity.</p>	<p><i>[see 2. Death]</i> And he went about among the villages teaching.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.</p>	<p>Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.</p>

**2. Death** (cf. John 19:25-27)

<b>Matthew 27:55-56</b>	<b>Mark 15:40-41</b>	<b>Luke 23:49</b>
<p>There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.</p>	<p>There were also women looking on from afar,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered to him; and also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.</p>	<p>And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things.</p>

### 3. Burial and Empty Tomb (cf. John 19:40--20:2, 18)

Matthew 27:59--28:8	Mark 15:46--16:8	Luke 23:53--24:12
<p>And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.</p> <p>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there,</p> <p>sitting opposite the sepulchre.</p> <p>Now after the sabbath, toward dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre.</p> <p>And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.</p>	<p>And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.</p> <p>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid.</p> <p>And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back – for it was very large. And entering the tomb,</p> <p>they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed.</p> <p>And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; 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 to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you."</p> <p>And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.</p>	<p>Then he took [the body] down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid.</p> <p>It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning.</p> <p>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and saw the tomb, and how his body was laid; then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment. But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared.</p> <p>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground,</p> <p>the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."</p> <p>And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.</p>