

tombs opened (and later appearances of saints)  
centurion's response: "Truly, God's Son!"  
women observing

Jesus Buried (27:57-61)

Joseph of Arimathea gets body  
puts it in his new tomb, closed w/ large stone  
women observing

The Tomb Guarded (27:62-66)

next day (Sabbath?), leaders concerned about possible fraud  
Pilate allows tomb to be guarded

Jesus' Resurrection (ch 28)

Actual resurrection narrated by no one, but events surrounding  
empty tomb and post-resurrection appearances in all four  
Gospels, also Acts and 1 Cor 15

The Empty Tomb, the Angel and Jesus (28:1-10)

women come to tomb (two women named); narr prob compressed  
they and guards see angel, but prob not simultaneously  
angel's message: Jesus not here, has risen, will appear to  
you in Galilee  
meet Jesus on way to tell disciples; he repeats message for  
them re/ Galilee

The Guards Report (28:11-15)

some of guard report to chief priests  
they & elders consult, bribe guards to spread stolen body  
story  
story continues to day Matthew wrote

The Disciples Commissioned (28:16-20)

disciples go to Galilee to mountain Jesus had specified  
this is prob only post-res appearance where place specified  
in advance; prob = over 500 in 1 Cor 15:6; fits "some  
doubted"

Jesus' commission to his followers:

Father has given me all authority in universe  
I am commissioning you to go everywhere and make  
followers of me: baptizing, teaching  
I am with you every day to end of age