Harmony of the Resurrection appearances:

1) Mary Magdalene along with Mary the mother of James, Salome, Joanna and other women (Luke 24:10) come to the tomb early in the morning to anoint Jesus' body with spices. When they arrive at the tomb they find the Stone removed from the door and see an empty tomb (Luke 24:1-3).

2) Mary Magdalene (alone, by herself – John 20:2) immediately runs from the tomb to inform Peter and John that Christ's body was missing. (Note: This is a key point in arriving at a chronological harmony of the four accounts of Christ's appearance to her)

3) During Mary's departure, the other women, being perplexed about Christ's departure from the tomb, suddenly see one angel of the Lord, along with another angel who announce to them that Christ had risen (Mt.28:5-7; Mk.16:5-7). With joy they then leave the Sepulchre (Mt.28:8; Mk.16:8; Lk.24:4-10).

4) Peter and John arrive at the tomb and find it empty, just as Mary Magdalene had said. They then leave and go back home to where the disciples were gathered (John 20:3-10).

5) Mary Magdalene (who evidently followed Peter & John back to the Tomb) remains outside the tomb area in deep distress, not knowing who took the body of Jesus. It is at this point that two angels appear to her and inquire as to why she is crying (John 20:11-13). After this she turns and notices someone she thought was the gardener. It is Christ she sees (John 20:14-18); She begins to cling on to Him, but He asks her not to. Mary Magdalene is the first person to see the Resurrected Christ (Mk.16:9-11).

6) As the women were making their way back to the disciples, Jesus (evidently having vanished from Mary) appears to them. They bow to him and grab on to his ankles with joy (Mt.28:9-10). They then go to the disciples to report that they had seen the Angels and Jesus!

7) At this report, Peter leaves the group and runs back to the Sepulchre by himself (Luke 24:12). It is at this point that he evidently sees Jesus alive (Luke 24:34; I Corinthians 15:5)

8) Jesus then appears to two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus toward the end of the day. (Mk.16:12; Luke 24:13-35)

9) Jesus, later appears that same Sunday evening to the disciples in the upper room (Thomas is absent from this meeting) (John 20:19-25; Mk.16:14; Luke 24:36-43).

10) Eight days later Jesus appears again to the disciples with Thomas present (John 20:26-31).

11) Some time after, Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Galilee (John 21). (Note: This is the "third time" He appeared to the Disciples as a group (John 21:14)

12) Jesus appears to the eleven upon a certain mountain in Galilee (Mt.28:16).

13) After this Jesus appeared to over 500 brethren at once (I Cor. 15:6).

14) After this Jesus appeared to James and all of the apostles (I Cor. 15:7)

15) In total, Jesus appeared to His disciples for some 40 days prior to ascending to Heaven from the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:1-11)

16) From Heaven Jesus appeared to Stephen as he was being stoned to death (Acts 7:55-56)

17) Last of all Jesus appeared to Saul of Tarsus (Paul) (Acts 9:5; I Cor. 15:8).

18) We now walk by faith and not sight (2 Cor. 5:7); Although we have not seen Christ with our eyes, we love Him (1 Peter 1:8)