**Activity 4.6**

**1** Read the Empty Tomb narratives in each of the Gospels: Mark 16:1–8, Matthew 28:1–8, Luke 24:1–12 and John 20:1–18.

**a** What message is each evangelist trying to communicate through their account of the Resurrection?

**b** What characters are involved in each narrative? What were their reactions?

**2** All four gospels speak of the Resurrection of Jesus. Read the accounts of the Resurrection as they are recorded in Gospel Parallels, available at <http://cambridge.edu.au/redirect/?id=5956>. Once you have read the accounts, search each gospel to complete the table below. The first couple have been completed for you.

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| **Question** | **Matthew** | **Mark** | **Luke** | **John** |
| Day | The first day of the week | The first day of the week | The first day of the week | The first day of the week |
| Time | Dawn | Very early, just after sunrise | Very early in the morning | Early, while it was still dark |
| Who was at the tomb? |  |  |  |  |
| How many women were present? |  |  |  |  |
| Purpose of visit to the tomb |  |  |  |  |
| Conversation on the way to tomb |  |  |  |  |
| What occurred when stone was rolled away? |  |  |  |  |
| Which gospel mentions an earthquake? |  |  |  |  |
| Who was said to be at the tomb? |  |  |  |  |
| How was this person dressed? |  |  |  |  |
| When did this person appear? |  |  |  |  |
| Where did the person appear? |  |  |  |  |
| What did they say? |  |  |  |  |
| What did the women feel? |  |  |  |  |
| What did the women do? |  |  |  |  |
| What did the guards do? |  |  |  |  |
| What was the reaction of the male disciples? |  |  |  |  |