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Another evidence was the criteria of embarrassment—women were the first to discover Christ's resurrection.

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