

The Appearances of Jesus After His Resurrection

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ORDER	TIME	TO WHOM	PLACE	RECORD
1	Early Sunday morning	Mary Magdalene	Near the tomb at Jerusalem	Mark 16:9 John 20:11-18
2	Sunday morning	Women returning from the tomb	Near Jerusalem	Matt. 28:9-10
3	Sunday	Simon Peter alone	Near Jerusalem	Luke 24:34
4	Sunday afternoon	Two disciples going to Emmaus	Between Jerusalem & Emmaus, and at Emmaus	Luke 24:13-31
5	Sunday evening	Apostles, except Thomas	Jerusalem	John 20:19-25
6	Sunday evening of next week	Apostles, Thomas being present	Jerusalem	John 20:26-29
7	Unknown	Seven disciples fishing	Sea of Galilee	John 21:1-13
8	Unknown	Eleven disciples on mountain	Galilee	Matt. 28:16-20
9	Unknown	About 500 brethren at once	Galilee	1 Cor. 15:6
10	Unknown	James only	Probably Jerusalem	1 Cor. 15:7
11	Unknown	All the apostles at ascension	Mount of Olives near Bethany	Luke 24:50-51 Acts 1:6-12

Jesus Christ appeared to both male and female disciples, as well as to all of the apostles on numerous occasions. Luke wrote in his Acts of the Apostles that Jesus “presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). When you study the biblical record of each of these appearances you can understand the difficulty the disciples had in accepting what Christians today readily accept -- the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! Though He taught them about this repeatedly (Mk. 8:31; 9:10ff; 14:21ff), they have great difficulty understanding it. Partly this is because of their own misconception of the nature of the Kingdom over which Jesus would be King, and partly because they did not understand the necessity of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus in order to be Savior, Lord and King.

Study the chart for yourself, carefully reading each text, and see if there isn't something new to learn! **Wayne Goff**

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