

## **POST-RESURRECTION APPEARANCE (#2)**

The post-resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ will be placed in two classifications for this study: pre-ascension and post-ascension appearances. We will study 12 pre-ascension appearances of Jesus Christ and 4 post-ascension appearances.

The post-ascension appearances of Jesus have been divided into two lessons. Last week we studied the first 5 post-resurrection appearances that occurred during resurrection Sunday. This week we will study the other 7 post-resurrection appearances that occurred over the 40 days of the pre-ascension appearances of Jesus.

**This lesson will study five factors involving these post-resurrection appearances as well as each of the 7 post-resurrection.**

### **1. In 1 Cor.15:5-8, Paul gave a seven-fold description of the post-resurrection appearance of Jesus Christ.**

He said that Jesus appeared to Peter, the Twelve, more than 500 brothers, women, James, all the Apostles, and last of all to Paul. These were not necessarily given in any order but generally what occurred over the 40 days of pre-ascension appearances.

### **2. Remember that all the disciples of Jesus had rejected His doctrinal teaching regarding His Passion (Matt.12; 16; 17; 20; 26; 28).**

The teaching that occurred during the 40 days of post-resurrection appearances were intended to renew their minds to divine viewpoint (Eph.4:22-24; 1 Cor.15:1-9; Luke 24:25-27, 36-49).

Did they accept the post-resurrection teaching on the same subject? (Acts 2:22-36).

Prior to the post-resurrection teachings, they believed that Jesus believed it but they didn't. "We don't believe everything that He teaches but we believe that He believes it."

Jesus' post-resurrection point is "believe every things that the Scriptures teaches."

### **3. Therefore we will place special attention to the messages that Jesus gave over these 40 days (Acts 1:2-8; 10:42-43; 13:31-32).**

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| Acts 1:2   | Giving instruction through the Holy Spirit to the apostles.  |
| Acts 1:3   | Spoke about the kingdom of God.                              |
| Acts 1:4-5 | Baptized with Holy Spirit.                                   |
| Acts 1:7-8 | Great commission of ambassadorship (13:31-32; 2 Cor.5:18-21) |

### **4. The Great Commission of ambassadorship was a repetitive teaching during these 40 days (John 20:19-25; Luke 24:36-49; Matt.28:16-20).**

**5. We will study each of the 7 post-resurrection appearances and messages of Jesus Christ (NIV, Luke 24)**

- **Eleven disciples:** (John 20:24-31)
  - Jerusalem house with door lock
  - Message directed to Thomas
- **Seven disciples:** (John 21:1-25)
  - On the shore of the Sea Tiberias
  - Early morning visual and vocal messages
- **Eleven disciples:** (Mark 16:7)
  - A pre-arranged meeting on a Mt. in Galilee
  - Message on great commission of ambassadorship (Matt.28:16-20)
  - Historical footnote (Mark 16:14-18)
- **500 disciples:** (1 Cor.15:6)
  - No message recorded
- **James:** (Mark 6:3; John 7:5; Acts 1:14)
  - The earthly brother of Jesus who became a believer after the resurrection (Jerusalem)
  - Message not recorded (1 Cor.15:7)
  - James became the pastor of the Jerusalem church (Gal.1:19; 2:9).
- **Many disciples:** (Luke 24:36-49; Acts 1:4-8).
  - Jerusalem on Ascension Day – message on great commission
- **Many disciples:** (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12)
  - Bethany, the ascension of Jesus – blessed them
  - Historical footnote in Mark 16:19-20 – message from angel.