Post Resurrection Appearances

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Nisan 18 First Day of the week "Sunday"

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene: he will NOT allow her to touch him. Mary reports to the disciples.

Mk16:9-11, Jh20:11-18

The women inform the Apostles. Peter and John go to the Tomb. Lk24:9-12. Jh20:2-10

Jesus appears to a group of women; he allows them to touch him and informs them to go to Galilee. Mt28:9-10

Jesus appears to Peter alone and then to the assembled Apostles. Mk16:14, Lk24:33-43, Jh20:19-25, 1Cr15:5a

> Nisan 26 Second Day of week "Monday" "eight davs later" Jh20:26

An unspecified number of days later in Galilee Mk16:7, Mt28:7,10

Jesus appears to the

Apostles and an

assembled group of

five hundred people

on a mountain.

Mt28:16-18, 1Cr15:6

After "forty days", in Jerusalem At1:3

The Ascension: Jesus last words to the apostles. Mk16:19, Lk24:50-51. At1:9-11

Luke summarizes Jesus' post resurrection teaching. At1:3-8

"fifty days later" Pentecost Lv23:15-16 Holy Spirit given

At2:1-4 Start of New **Testament Church**

Early "Sunday" morning, the women come to the tomb with spices for the body. They are informed that the resurrection had already occurred (late Sabbath afternoon). Mk16:2-8, Lk24:1-8, Jh20:1

Jesus appears to two Jesus appears to a "disciples" as the walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They do NOT including Thomas. immediately recognize him. **Jesus opens** their understanding to the scriptures.

Mk16:12-13. Lk24:13-32

The "Wave Sheaf" is offered in the Temple. Lv23:9-14 Jesus ascends to the Father. Jh20:17, Dn7:13

aroup of "disciples" Jh20:26-29. 1Cr15:5b

Jesus appears to seven "disciples" at least five of which were Apostles.

Following Peter's lead, they had gone fishing on the Sea of Tiberias. Jh21:1-23

Time and location NOT specified: Jesus appeared to his brother "James" and the eleven Apostles. 1Cr 15:7

> At an unspecified time. likely in Jerusalem. Jesus provides instruction to "tarry in the city, until you are clothed with power".

> > Lk24:44-49

Jesus' focus in post resurrection teaching:

- 1. Jesus' identity as revealed in scripture: "I ascend to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (Jh20:17b); "And beginning from Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Lk24:27); "Then he opened their mind to understand the scriptures; and he said to them 'Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead ... You are witnesses of these things." (Lk24:45-46,48)
- 2. The Kingdom of God: "He presented himself to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God." (At1:3)
- 3. The commission to the Apostles: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mk16:15); "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you" (Mt28:19-20a); "Jesus said to Simon Peter ... 'Do you love me? ... Feed my lambs. ... Tend my sheep. ... Feed my sheep." (Jh21:15-17)

The purpose of the Post Resurrection Appearances: The fact of the resurrection is the singular motivator behind the zeal of the Apostles which gave them the strength to build the New Testament Church. "... vou will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." "This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses." "... and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses." "The God of our fathers raised Jesus ... God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things ...". "And we are witnesses ... They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (At1:8b, 2:32, 3:15, 5:30a,31-32a, 10:39-43 ESV)