

Gospel Accounts of Jesus' Post-Resurrection Appearances

Matthew

- **Matthew 28:1–10** – Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" near the tomb.
- **Matthew 28:16–20** – The Great Commission: Jesus appears to the disciples in Galilee and commands them to make disciples of all nations.

Mark

- **Mark 16:1–8** – The women discover the empty tomb and receive a message from an angel.
- **Mark 16:9–20** (longer ending of Mark) – Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, two disciples on the road, and finally the Eleven at a meal.

Luke

- **Luke 24:1–12** – The empty tomb discovered by the women.
- **Luke 24:13–35** – The Road to Emmaus: Jesus appears to two disciples and is revealed in the breaking of bread.
- **Luke 24:36–49** – Jesus appears to His disciples in Jerusalem, proves He is not a ghost, and explains the Scriptures.
- **Luke 24:50–53** – Jesus ascends to heaven.

John

- **John 20:1–18** – Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene at the tomb.
- **John 20:19–23** – Jesus appears to the disciples (without Thomas) and commissions them.
- **John 20:24–29** – Jesus appears again to the disciples with Thomas ("Doubting Thomas" moment).
- **John 21:1–14** – Jesus appears to seven disciples by the Sea of Tiberias (miraculous catch of fish).
- **John 21:15–23** – Jesus restores Peter ("Do you love Me?").

Post-Resurrection References in Acts

- **Acts 1:1–11** – Jesus appears to the apostles over 40 days, teaches about the Kingdom of God, and then ascends.
- **Acts 2:22–36** – Peter's Pentecost sermon emphasizes the resurrection.
- **Acts 3:15, 4:10, 5:30, 10:40** – Apostolic preaching consistently centers on the fact that God raised Jesus from the dead.

Post-Resurrection Appearances and Theology in the Epistles

- **1 Corinthians 15:3–8** – Paul recounts Jesus' post-resurrection appearances: to Peter, the Twelve, over 500 at once, James, all the apostles, and finally to Paul himself.
- **Romans 6:9–10** – Christ, being raised from the dead, dies no more.
- **Philippians 3:10–11** – Paul's desire to know Christ and the power of His resurrection.
- **Colossians 3:1–4** – Believers are raised with Christ.

Resurrected and Exalted Christ in Revelation

- **Revelation 1:12–18** – The glorified, risen Christ appears to John.
- **Revelation 5:6–14** – The Lamb standing as though slain is worshiped.
- **Revelation 19:11–16** – Christ returns in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Summary of Key Themes

- **Physicality:** Jesus' post-resurrection body could be touched (John 20:27) and He ate food (Luke 24:41–43).
- **Teaching:** He explained Scripture concerning Himself (Luke 24:27, 44–49).
- **Commissioning:** He commissioned His disciples to continue His mission (Matthew 28:18–20; John 20:21).
- **Ascension:** He bodily ascended into heaven (Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:9–11).
- **Future Promise:** He promised the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4–5) and His eventual return (Acts 1:11).