

POST-RESURRECTION APPEARANCES

The post-resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ will be divided into two classifications for this study:

- Pre-ascension appearances
- Post-ascension appearances.

We will study 12 pre-ascension appearances of Jesus Christ and 6 post-ascension appearances.

There are at least NINE features involved in the 12 pre-ascension appearances of Jesus Christ.

1. He presented Himself alive after suffering by many convincing proofs (Acts 1:3).
2. They covered a period of 40 days following His resurrection on Firstfruits holiday (Acts 1:3)
3. They occurred in three general locations: Jerusalem, Galilee, and Bethany.
4. The first 5 pre-ascension appearances occurred on Resurrection Sunday (Firstfruits holiday).
5. All the pre-ascension appearances involved explaining messianic Scriptures fulfilled by Jesus Christ (Luke 24:25-27, 44-49; Acts 1:2).
6. Everyone attending the pre-ascension classes was chosen beforehand by God (Acts 10:40-43).
7. These witnesses (120) became His disciples to the world (Acts 1:8,14-15; 13:30-31).
8. The 12 pre-ascension appearances were a precursor to the advent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Luke 24:49; Acts 1-2).
9. Disciples had rejected the doctrinal teaching of Jesus regarding His death, burial, and resurrection (OMCD) and their minds must be renewed to divine viewpoint (Rom.12: 2; Eph.4: 22-24; 1 Cor.15: 3-4).

This lesson will study the first 5 of the 12 pre-ascension appearances of Jesus Christ and the lessons taught to His disciples. They all occurred on Resurrection Sunday.

1. Mary Magdalene (Jerusalem)

Very early on Resurrection Sunday; witnessed an empty tomb and runs to tell the disciples (John 20:1-2); she returned with Peter and John and later encounters Jesus (20:11-18); **message** of His ascension; Historical footnote in Mark 16:9-11.

2. Galilean women (Jerusalem)

Resurrection morning; witnessed an empty tomb and received a message from an angel to give to His disciples; returning to tell the disciples they encountered Jesus and worshipped Him who reaffirmed the **message** of His passion and meeting at Galilee (Matt.28: 1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12).

3. Peter and John (Jerusalem)

Resurrection Sunday; Mary tells them and they run to witness an empty tomb; John believed in His resurrection but Peter was uncertain (John 20:1-9); the **message** was that the disciples didn't understand the Scripture of His resurrection.

4. Two disciples (Cleopas and another)

2 miles from Jerusalem on the road to Emmaus - Resurrection Sunday evening; messianic **message** (Luke 24:13-35; Historical footnote in Mark 16:12-13).

5. Ten disciples (Jerusalem house with locked doors)

Resurrection Sunday evening; Thomas was absent; first commission **message** given (John 20:19-25; 1 Cor.15:5; Historical footnote in Mark 16:14).