

YouTube Bible Study – April 23, 2020

“Making Sense of Jesus’ Resurrection Appearances”

Introduction: *“After His suffering, He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive.” (Acts 1:3)*

Question to Consider: As you read these passages, ask yourself which “proof” of Jesus’ resurrection you find the most convincing!

Note: Each Gospel presents a unique, yet complementary account of Jesus’ death and resurrection. The Gospels do *not* attempt to document everything Jesus said and did (see John 20:30-31 & 21:24-25). Here is one possible way of ordering Jesus’ resurrection appearances:

The First Day of the Week (Easter Sunday):

Jesus descends into hell to preach to the imprisoned spirits

1 Peter 3:18-21

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene (after Peter and John run to the tomb):

John 20:(1-10 &) 11-18; (see also Mark 16:9)

Jesus Greets the women after they see His empty tomb and are greeted by angels

Matthew 28:1-10; (see also Mark 16:1-8 & Luke 24:1-8)

Jesus appears to Simon Peter (included in next passage):

Luke 24:34 (see also 1 Corinthians 15:5)

Jesus appears to Cleopas and another disciple on the road to Emmaus:

Luke 24:13-35; (see also Mark 16:12-13)

Jesus appears to the disciples (the “eleven” *minus* Thomas):

Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25

Eight Days Later:

Jesus appears to the disciples (the “eleven” *including* Thomas):

John 20:26-29

Over the Next Several Weeks:

Jesus appears to seven disciples at the Sea of Galilee:

John 21:1-25

Jesus appears to the disciples at a mountain in Galilee:

Matthew 28:16-17

Jesus appears to more than 500 brothers:

1 Corinthians 15:6

Jesus appears to his half-brother, James:

1 Corinthians 15:7 (for more about Jesus’ and his step-siblings, see Matt. 12:46-50; 13:55; Mark 3:21; John 7:5; Acts 1:14; Acts 12:17; Galatians 1:19)

Forty Days Later:

Jesus ascends from the Mount of Olives (near Jerusalem):

Luke 24:49-53; Acts 1:3-11; Mark 16:19

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Jesus appears to Saul (St. Paul):

Acts 9:1-22; 1 Corinthians 15:8