

Easter 2013
John 20

1. Christ's Resurrection Rests on _____.

2. Christ's Resurrection Brings Us _____.

3. Christ's Resurrection Comes to Us Through _____.

A Chronology of the 40 Days from Jesus' resurrection to His ascension...

THAT FIRST "EASTER MORNING"

1. An earthquake-producing angel rolls away the stone from Jesus' tomb before sunrise (Matt 28:2–4).
2. The terrified soldiers assigned to guard Jesus' tomb leave their post to report these events. They are bribed (Matt 28:11–15) and conspire with Israel's chief priests to circulate a story that the disciples came in the night and stole the body of Jesus while they slept.
3. Some women followers of Jesus arrive to anoint Jesus' body only to discover the stone has been rolled away (Matt 28:1; Mark 16:1–4; Luke 24:1–3; John 20:1).
4. The women see two "men"—actually angels (Matt 28:2-3; Mark 16:5; Luke 24:4). One of the women, Mary Magdalene, leaves immediately to inform Peter and John that "they" have taken Jesus' body away (John 20:1–2).
5. The other women remain, enter the tomb, and one of the angels tells them about the Resurrection, and instructs them to report this news to the disciples (Matt 28:5–7; Mark 16:5–7; Luke 24:4–8). The women leave quickly to do so (Matt 28:8; Luke 24:9).
6. Upon hearing the report of the empty tomb, Peter and John run to investigate (Luke 24:12; John 20:3–10). Seeing the vacant tomb, and the grave clothes of Jesus, they return to their homes.
7. Mary Magdalene returns to the garden tomb and Jesus appears to her alone (Mark 16:9–11; John 20:11–18): ***This is His first appearance.***
8. Jesus appears to the other women—Mary, mother of James, Salome, and Joanna (Matt 28:8–10): ***This is the second appearance of the risen Christ.***
9. Jesus appears to Peter (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5): ***This is Jesus' third appearance.***

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

10. Jesus appears to Cleopas and another downcast disciple on the road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12–13; Luke 24:13–32): ***This is the fourth appearance of the resurrected Jesus.***

SUNDAY EVENING

11. The two men from the Emmaus Road encounter return to Jerusalem to tell the 11 disciples (plus others), that like Peter, they have seen the Lord (Luke 24:33–35). Apparently Thomas leaves.
12. Jesus then appears to the remaining disciples in the Upper Room (Luke 24:36–43; John 20:19–25): ***This is the Lord's fifth appearance.***

A WEEK LATER

13. Jesus appears to all 11 apostles, including Thomas. "Doubting" Thomas believes and worships Jesus as God (John 20:26–28): ***This is Christ's sixth appearance.***

THE REMAINING 32 DAYS

14. Jesus appears to seven disciples at the Sea of Galilee and facilitates a miraculous catch of fish, even eating fish Himself; he also restores Peter (John 21:1–14): ***This is His seventh appearance.***
15. Jesus appears to more than 500 believers (including the eleven disciples) at a mountain in Galilee (Matt 28:16–20; Mark 16:15–18; 1 Cor. 15:6): ***This is His eighth appearance.***
16. Jesus appears to His skeptical half-brother James (1 Cor. 15:7): ***This is His ninth appearance.***
17. At Jerusalem Jesus appears again to His disciples (Luke 24:44–49; Acts 1:3–8): ***This is the tenth appearance of Jesus.***
18. There at the Mount of Olives Jesus ascends into heaven while the disciples watch (Mark 16:19–20; Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:9–12).