

#1 What Else Happened on Resurrection Sunday & Beyond?

Jesus Appears to His Disciples Luke 24:13-49, John 20:19-29

(Note: YOU REALLY WILL NEED A BIBLE TODAY! Mostly NLT!)

#2 Matthew 28:10 (NLT) Then Jesus said to them, “**Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.**”

In order to piece together what else happened after Jesus’ initial encounters with the disciples on resurrection Sunday morning and in the days following, we need to look at the other Gospel accounts. The first Sunday was indeed a full day for Jesus and His disciples, and it appears ***He had to build their faith to them to get them to obey Him and go to Galilee, where He intended to give them the “Great Commission”!***

#3 Our Lord also appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus that day: **Luke 24:13–34 (NLT)** That same day (“Resurrection Sunday”) two of Jesus’ followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. ¹⁶ But God kept them from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?” They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. ¹⁸ Then one of them, **Cleopas,** **#4 [Luke may have mentioned Cleopas by name because some of his readers knew him or knew about him. According to Christian tradition he was Jesus’ uncle, Joseph’s brother, and he became a leader of the Jerusalem church. He could have been the husband of Mary, the wife of Clopas, a variant spelling of the same name, who was present at Jesus’ crucifixion (John 19:25). However that may have been a different man. Tom Constable]** **#5** replied, “You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard about all the things that have

happened there the last few days.”¹⁹ “What things?” Jesus asked. “The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth,” they said. “He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people.”²⁰ But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him.²¹ We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.²² “Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report.²³ They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive!²⁴ Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, His body was gone, just as the women had said.”²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, *“Oh how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures.”*²⁶ Wasn’t it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?”²⁷ **Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**²⁸ By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on,²⁹ but they begged him, “Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.” So he went home with them.³⁰ As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them.³¹ Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!³² They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” **#6**³³ And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. **There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them,**³⁴ *who said, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon (Peter).”*

So Jesus had made a special appearance to Peter sometime during the day, so that when Cleopas and his friend returned from the Emmaus Road, they discovered that the Lord had also

appeared to Peter. We have no details, but Paul makes a passing reference to it in: **#7 1 Corinthians 15:3–5 (NLT)** I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵ **He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve.** We can just imagine the conversation as Jesus restores His relationship with Peter. It must have been **a very humbling, yet comforting** experience for Peter, but not the last!

And then Jesus appears to the ten disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem: #8 John 20:19–29 (NLT) ¹⁹ **That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. (PS – They weren’t obeying the call to go to Galilee!)**

Back to Luke’s account: **#9 Luke 24:35–49 (NLT)** Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. ³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, **Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,”** he said. ³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! ³⁸ “Why are you frightened?” he asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt? ³⁹ Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.” ⁴⁰ As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he ate it as they watched. ⁴⁴ **Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.”** ⁴⁵ **Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. (“The Scarlet Thread of Redemption”)** ⁴⁶ And he said, “Yes, it was

written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things. ⁴⁹ “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.” **#10 John 20:24** One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

A week later, He appeared to the eleven disciples and dealt with

Thomas’ unbelief: #11 John 20:26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!” ²⁸ “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed. ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

Peter later testified to these meetings: **#12 Acts 10:39–41 (NKJV)** ³⁹ **And we are witnesses of all things** which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. ⁴⁰ Him God raised up on the third day, and **showed Him openly,** ⁴¹ not to all the people, but **to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.**

Other appearances: #13 1 Corinthians 15:6 (NLT) After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he was seen by James and later by all

the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw Him.

#14 Jesus told the women to pass a message on to the disciples—that they should *go to Galilee*, as he had previously told them. **Galilee was where Jesus had called most of them and where he had said they would become “fishers of men”; and it would be where this mission would be restated. But the disciples, filled with fear, remained behind locked doors in Jerusalem.** Barton

#15 **John 21:1–23 (NLT)** Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. ² Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. ³ **Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.” “We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.** ⁴ At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. ⁵ He called out, “Fellows, have you caught any fish?” “No,” they replied. ⁶ Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. ⁷ Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. ⁸ The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. ⁹ When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread. ¹⁰ “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn. ¹² “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. ¹⁴ **This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since**

he had been raised from the dead. ¹⁵ After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him. ¹⁶ Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.” “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said. ¹⁷ A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep. ¹⁸ “I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.” ²⁰ Peter turned around and saw behind them the disciple Jesus loved—the one who had leaned over to Jesus during supper and asked, “Lord, who will betray you?” ²¹ Peter asked Jesus, “What about him, Lord?” ²² Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.” ²³ So the rumor spread among the community of believers that this disciple wouldn’t die. But that isn’t what Jesus said at all. He only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?” Peter definitely got His share of humbling after the resurrection. Humility is a hard lesson to learn – but God is faithful! **#16 1 Peter 5:5–6 (NASB95)** You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time (and cast all your fears and cares on Him, for He cares for you!) We should not be “slow of heart” to hear and learn from Peter.

#17 Jesus met them later in Galilee: and said: **Matthew 28:16–20 (NLT)** Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain **#18** (Arbel Cliffs??) where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! ¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. **#19** ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” We will look into this “Great Commission” next time!