

Jesus' Appearances After His Resurrection

1. **John 20:16** – Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene at the sight of the tomb.
2. **Matt 28:9-10** – To the other Mary, Joanna & Salome & maybe other women [Mark 16:1 & Luke 24:10].
3. **Luke 24:34 & 1 Corinthians 15:5a** – To Simon Peter.
4. **Luke 24:13-32** – To the 2 disciples walking to Emmaus.
5. **Luke 24:33-43 & John 20:19-23 & Mark 16:14-18** – To 10 apostles.
6. **John 20:26-29 & 1 Corinthians 15:5b** – To the 10 apostles PLUS Thomas.
7. **John 21:1-23** – To 7 of the apostles.
8. **Matt 28:16-20 & Luke 24:44-49** – To the 11 apostles in Galilee.
9. **1 Corinthians 15:6** – To more than 500 people at one time.
10. **1 Corinthians 15:7a** – To James.
11. **1 Corinthians 15:7b** – By more apostles.
12. **Acts 1:4-9** – Jesus' ascension observed by the apostles & more?
13. **Acts 9 & 1 Corinthians 15:8** – Finally, to Paul the Apostle.

What if Jesus had NOT Risen?

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:13-19

- #1 – v.13** – If there is no resurrection, then Christ is not risen.
- #2 – v.14a** – If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty.
- #3 – v.14b** – If Christ is not risen, then our faith is also empty.
- #4 – v.15** – If Christ is not risen, then Christians are false witnesses of God.
- #1 again – v.16** – If the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.
- #5 – v.17a** – If Christ is not risen, then our faith is futile (very similar to #3).
- #6 – v.17b** – If Christ is not risen, then we are still in our sins.
- #7 – v.18** – If Christ is not risen, then those that have believed in Him and have died physically, have actually perished.
- #8 – v.19** – If Christ is not risen, then we are to be most pitied of all men.

Why is Jesus' Resurrection So Important?

Cancer Scenario

What would we need to do to save that person that HAS DIED from cancer?

#1 – You would have to remove their cancer.

#2 – You would have to bring them back to life.

So, let's look at 2 "What if" scenarios:

What if #1 – What if we brought them back to life, BUT did NOT remove the cancer?

That would not do them any good because they would still have the cancer that killed them in the first place.

What if #2 – What if we removed the cancer, BUT did NOT bring them back to life?

That would not do them any good because they would have no cancer but would still be dead.

So, Jesus' resurrection is extremely critical!

1 Corinthians 15:36

“What you sow (seed) is not made alive unless it dies.”

Parts of a seed:

#1 – Seed coat

This is the seed coat or casing and it “breaks down” when the seed is planted and it disintegrates away (dies).

This seed coat represents our physical bodies.

#2 – Seed embryo

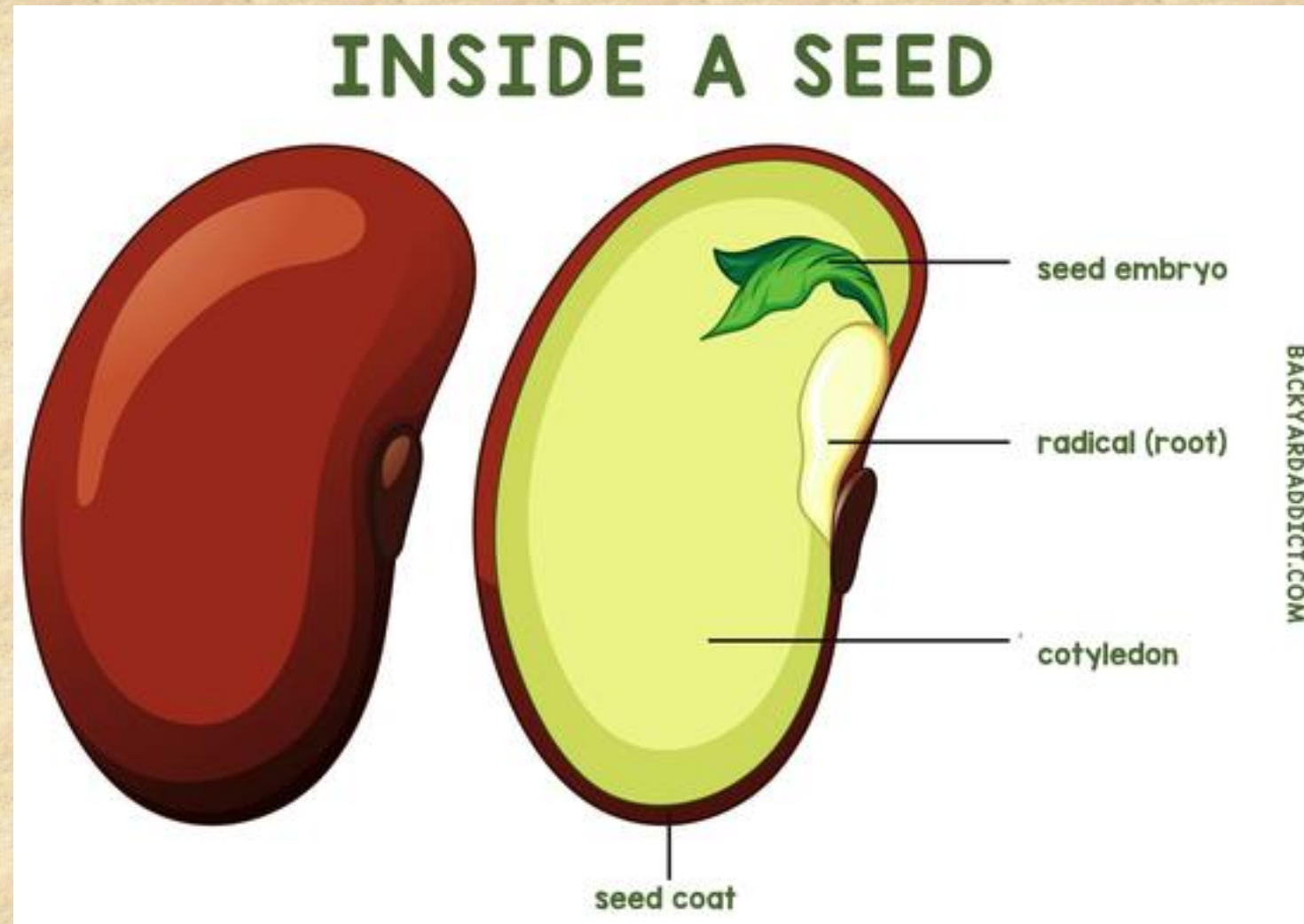
This is the part of the seed that develops into the plant and, ultimately, bears fruit.

#3 – Radical

This is the part of the seed that takes root and takes in water and nutrients to provide life to the plant and fruit.

#4 – Cotyledon

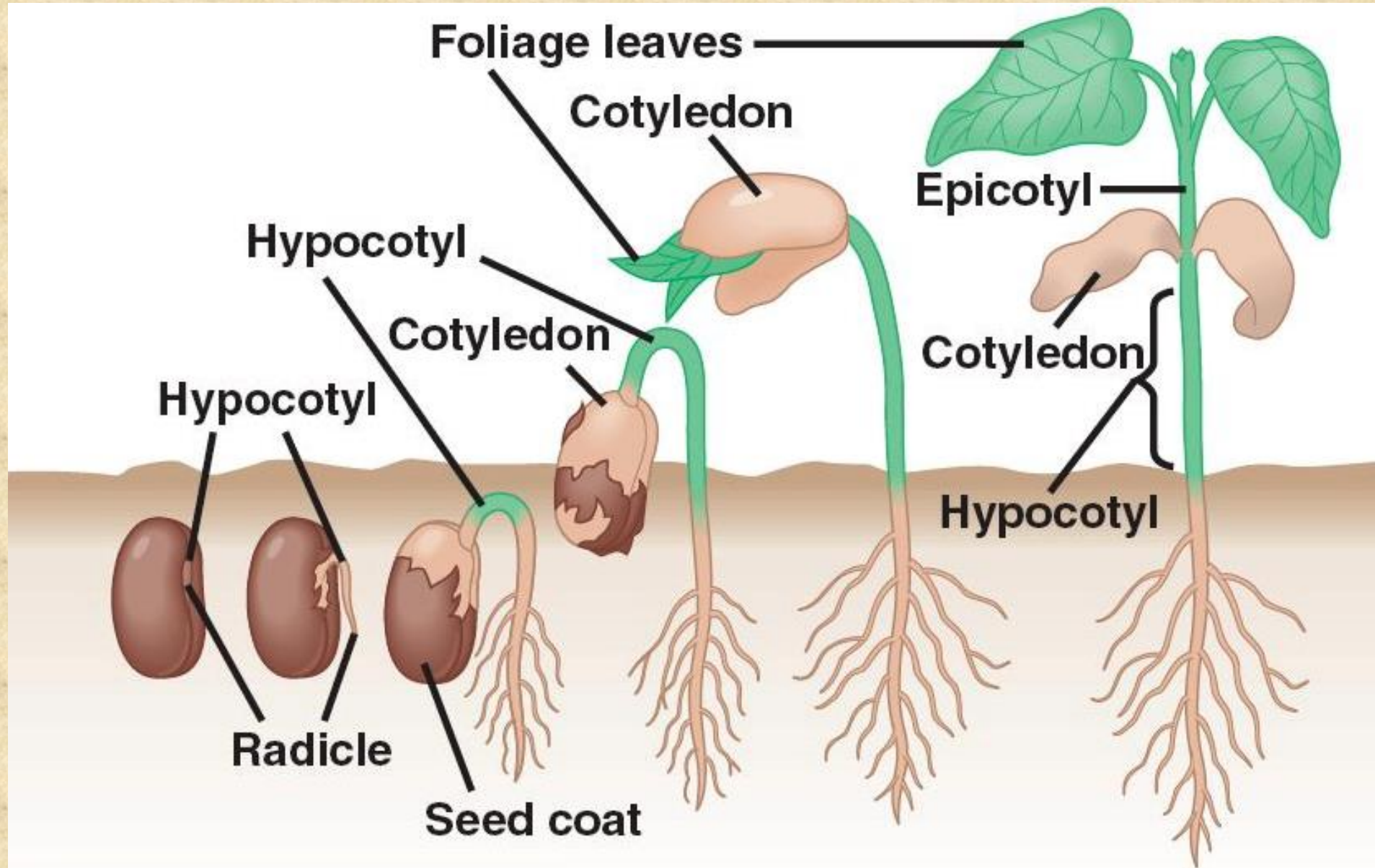
This is the seed leaf within the embryo of a seed. Cotyledons help supply the nutrition a plant embryo needs to germinate.



1 Corinthians 15:36

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Please take note
of the seed coat.
Over time it
disintegrates or
dissolves and a
new “body” or
“life” emerges.



What type of "Body" do we Have?

1 Corinthians 15:39-53

#	1 Corinthians 15	Human (Temporal)	Heavenly (Eternal)
1	Verses 39 & 50	Flesh of man	Not flesh
2	Verse 40	Terrestrial (of the earth)	Celestial (of heaven)
3	Verses 42 & 50 & 53 & 54	Corruption & Corruptible	Incruption
4	Verse 43a	Dishonor	Glory or honor
5	Verse 43b	Weakness	Power
6	Verse 44 & 46	Natural (3 times)	Spiritual (4 times)
7	Verse 45	Living Being	Life-giving Spirit
8	Verse 46	First	Last
9	Verse 47	Of the earth	Of or from heaven
10	Verse 47 & 48	Of the dust	Heavenly
11	Verse 49 & Genesis 5:1 & 3	Image of the man of dust (Adam)	Image of the heavenly man (Jesus)
12	Verse 50	Flesh & Blood	Not Flesh & Blood
13	Verse 53	Mortal	Immortal Or Immortality

Reasons for a “Pre-Tribulational” Rapture View

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 & 1 Corinthians 15:50-58)

Reason #1 – We, the church, are NOT appointed to wrath.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 & 5:9 as well as Revelation 3:10, 6:16-17, 11:18, 14:10, 16:19, 19:15.

Reason #2 – We can’t know the time of day or the hour of the rapture.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 told us this was to come as a thief.

Also see Matthew 24:36-37, 24-43 and Revelation 11:3, 12:6 & Daniel 9:27 & 12:9-12.

Reason #3 – Noah pictures the faithful being removed from the earth away from God’s judgment and returning to the “changed” earth.

Matthew 24:37 likened these days to Noah and he was protected and then returned to the new earth as we will.

Reason #4 – God has given us a track record of removing His faithful followers from His wrath.

2 Peter 2:4-7 & 9 – He did it with Lot from Sodom & Noah from the face of the earth.

Reason #5 – The word “church” is never used in the book of Revelation during the entire time His wrath is being poured out (Revelation 6-19).

Revelation chapters 2-3, the word “church” is used 18 times, but not again until 22:16. Also see Revelation 13:9.

Reason #6 – The church will be removed before the Anti-Christ is revealed.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-8.

Reason #7 – Jesus told us to pray to be delivered from this judgment.

Why if it is not to be done?

Reason #8 – The rapture is supposed to be a comfort to us.

If the church goes through the Great Tribulation, this is NOT a comfort. See 1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:9,11.

Post-Tribulation Note – The Lord will separate sheep from the goats...sheep must be here.

Matthew 25:32-33.

End-Times Events Still to Come

#1 – We are in the “Church Age”/”Latter Days”, which began at Pentecost (32AD).

#2 – Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948.

“The Day of the Lord” begins at the Rapture of the church

#3 – The Rapture of the church (1 Thess 4:13-5:11, 1 Cor 15:51-58).

#4 – The Antichrist (world ruler) will be revealed after the Rapture.

#5 – The Battle (#1) of Ezekiel 38-39 (likely after the Rapture & close to the Great Tribulation).

#6 – 7-year Peace Treaty will be signed (the temple can be rebuilt) & God’s wrath will begin.

#7 – Exactly 3½ years later (exact middle of the 7-year treaty), the Antichrist will declare himself to be God in the temple.

#8 – Exactly 3½ years later, the Great Tribulation will end.

#9 – Jesus will come & fight the Battle (#2) of Armageddon (Rev 16, 19:19).

#10 – Jesus will go to Jerusalem & establish His 1,000-year reign.

#11 – Battle (#3) near the end of the 1,000-year reign (Rev 20:7-8).

“The Day of the Lord” ends once Jesus’ 1,000-year reign ends

#12 – Jesus will judge the whole world after the 1,000-year reign.

#13 – The Lord will replace the current heavens & earth for eternity.