

## Another “gospel” Series

### The Post Resurrection Witnesses Part 2

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Galatians 1:6 I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from him who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— <sup>7</sup> not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are troubling you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, a curse be on him!<sup>[u]</sup> <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, I now say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, a curse be on him!

#### I. Post resurrection appearances of Jesus

15. That evening, the two disciples report the event to the Eleven in Jerusalem

[Luke 24:32-35](#) **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?” **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, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.\*”

**35** 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.

16. Jesus appears to ten disciples—Thomas is missing.

[Luke 24:36-43](#) 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.

17. Jesus appears to all eleven disciples—Thomas included.

[John 20:26-31](#) **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.”**

18. Jesus appears to seven disciples by the Sea of Galilee

[John 21:1-25](#) 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.

19. Jesus appears to about 500 disciples in Galilee

[1 Corinthians 15:6](#) 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.).

20. Jesus appears to His half-brother James.

[1 Corinthians 15:7](#) Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.

21. Jesus commissions His disciples.

[Matthew 28:16-20](#) **16** Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain 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 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.**

22. Jesus teaches His disciples the Scriptures and promises to send the Holy Spirit.

[Acts 1:4-5](#) Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, **“Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with\*—water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**

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23. Jesus ascends into heaven

[Acts 1:8-11](#)

**8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**9** After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. **10** As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. **11** “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

24. Jesus appears to Saul.

I Cor 15: <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one born at the wrong time,<sup>[a]</sup> he also appeared to me.

Acts 9: Now Saul was still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and requested letters from him to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he traveled and was nearing Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

<sup>5</sup> “Who are you, Lord?” Saul said.

“I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting,” he replied. <sup>6</sup> “But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the sound but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing. So they took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> He was unable to see for three days and did not eat or drink.

## II. Hallucination theory

<https://crossexamined.org/resurrection-defense-series-early-eyewitness-testimony-and-the-failure-of-hallucinations-to-account-for-them/>

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1. The disciples do not hold the traits of those who hallucinate. Those who hallucinate are either induced by drugs, have a mental illness, or are deprived. However, none of the disciples exhibited these characteristics.
2. The empty tomb does not permit the hallucination theory as an acceptable alternative. All that would be necessary would be the presentation of the dead body of Jesus, but this never happened. The tomb was still found empty in Jerusalem.
3. The resurrection appearances occurred in different places and by different means (e.g., some occurred indoors while others occurred outdoors, some occurred while standing while others appeared while seated). The disciples would not be in the proper frame of mind for a mass hallucination.
4. Hallucinations do not normally stop suddenly. Yet the resurrection appearances stopped after 40 days.
5. The disciples were not anticipating a resurrection event. Thus, the hallucination would have made no sense to the disciples.
6. Some of the disciples physically touched Jesus (Luke 24:38-40; John 20:24-25) which debunks the possibility of a hallucination.
7. Hallucinations are individualized events that occur internally and cannot occur in groups. Illusions can occur in groups, hallucinations cannot.
8. Hallucinations do not account for the enemies of Jesus (i.e., James and John) becoming disciples. If they were hallucinating, they would not have been transformed by the experience. Additionally, the empty tomb would have further debunked the experience.
9. Hallucinations are relatively rare. As such, they cannot account for the numerous individuals who had the experiences.
10. Even with people who have drug-induced hallucinations, the person can normally tell that a hallucination is a falsified event compared to items known to be real.

*III. “The REAL Reason Why Jewish People Reject Jesus As The Messiah”*

*THE BEAT by Allen Parr*

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