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After The Rising

40 Days with the
Resurrected Jesus



The Resurrection

- **The central tenet of the Christian faith**
 - **1 Corinthians 15**
 - **Hundreds of eyewitnesses**
 - **The apostles put their credibility and their lives on the line by professing that Jesus was alive**
 - **The primary target of atheists throughout history**

Tim Keller on the Resurrection

“If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.”



The Last 40 Days of Jesus' Time on Earth

“He presented himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” ~

Acts 1:3

What did Jesus do in 40 days?

- **Affirmed Mary Magdalene's devotion**
- **Mary was one of Jesus' disciples (Luke 8:1-3)**
- **She was NOT a prostitute, nor was she Jesus' wife**
- **She was NOT the Mary who anointed Jesus' feet**
- **She supported Jesus' ministry financially**

What did Jesus do in 40 days?

- All four Gospels have her at Jesus' crucifixion
- She was the first to witness the risen Jesus (John 20:11-18)
- She was who Jesus chose to proclaim his resurrection to the Eleven
 - They did not believe her (Mark 16:9-11)
- History has tried to rewrite her story over centuries

Mary Magdalene's Significance

“Mary Magdalene is among Jesus’s early followers. She was named in the Gospels, so she obviously was important. There were apparently hundreds, if not thousands, of followers of Jesus, but we don't know most of their names. So the fact that she's named is a big deal.”

~ Robert Cargill, assistant professor of classics and religious studies at the University of Iowa and editor of Biblical Archaeology Review



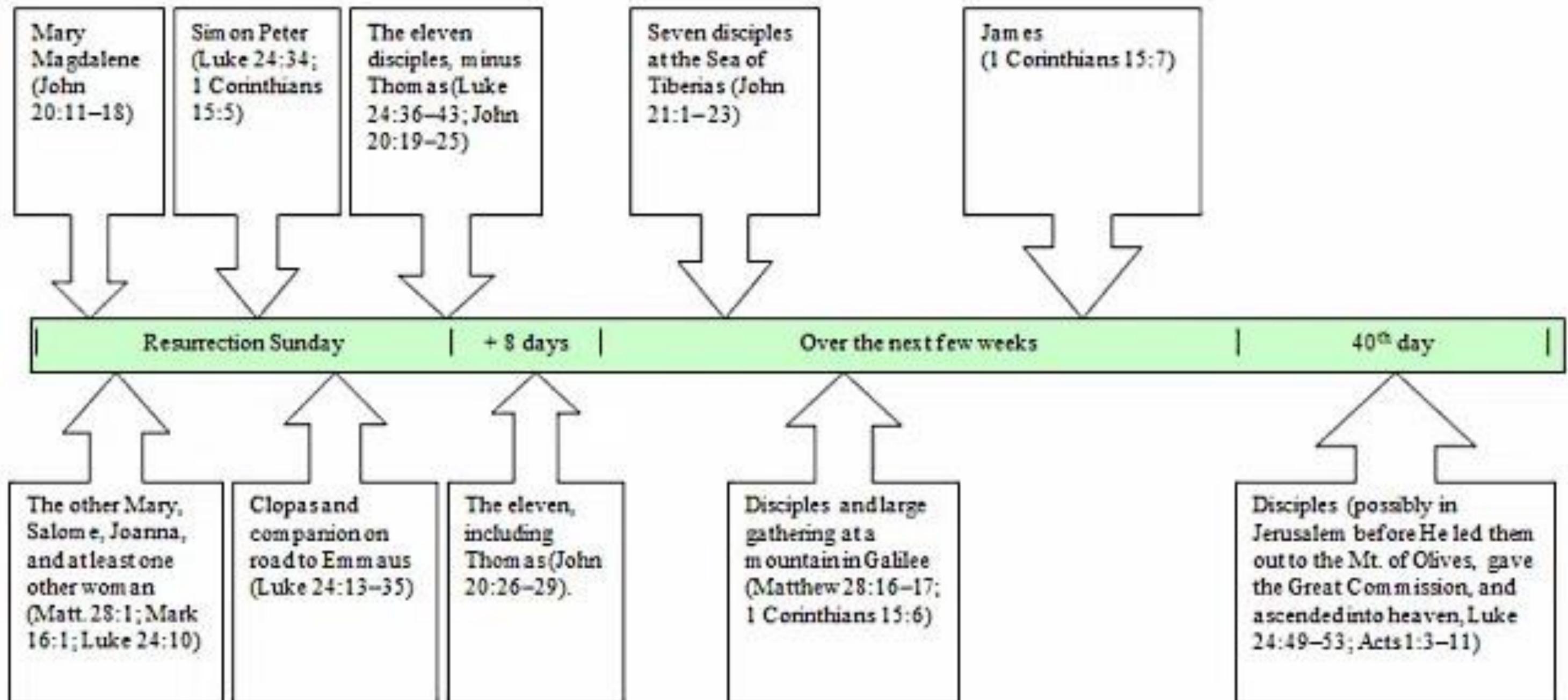
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“There are many scholars who argue that because Jesus empowered women to such an extent early in his ministry, it made some of the men who would lead the early church later on uncomfortable. And so there were two responses to this. One was to turn her into a prostitute. Of course, the other response was actually to elevate Mary. Some argued she was actually Jesus’ wife, or companion. She had a special status.”

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Timeline of the Post-Resurrection Appearances



What did Jesus do in 40 days?

- **Jesus next appeared to the other women as they raced to tell the disciples**
- **“So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me” (Matthew 28:8-10)**



Equal heirs to the Kingdom

“Unlike the men who scattered and ran, who lost faith, who betrayed Jesus, the women stayed...Again, it helps to have a chronology in mind, with a focus on the place of women in the Jesus movement. Phase one is the time of Jesus himself, and there is every reason to believe that, according to his teaching and in his circle, women were uniquely empowered as fully equal. In phase two, when the norms and assumptions of the Jesus community were being written down, the equality of women is reflected in the letters of St. Paul (c. 50-60), who names women as full partners—his partners—in the Christian movement, and in the Gospel accounts that give evidence of Jesus’ own attitudes and highlight women whose courage and fidelity stand in marked contrast to the men’s cowardice.”

~ James Carroll, author, historian, journalist, and former Catholic priest



What did Jesus do in 40 days?

- **Jesus connected His story to the prophecies**
- **The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)**
- **His first appearance before the Eleven (Luke 24:44-49)**

What did Jesus do in 40 days?

- **Jesus reminded them of their calling**
 - **John 21:1-14**
 - **Luke 5**

What did Jesus do in 40 days?

- Jesus assured the doubtful
 - Thomas (John 20:24-29)
 - James (1 Corinthians 15:7)

What did Jesus do in 40 days?

- **Jesus reinstated the denier**
 - **Simon Peter (John 21:15-25)**
 - **Foretold his future**
 - **Focused him on his mission**

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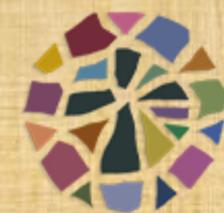
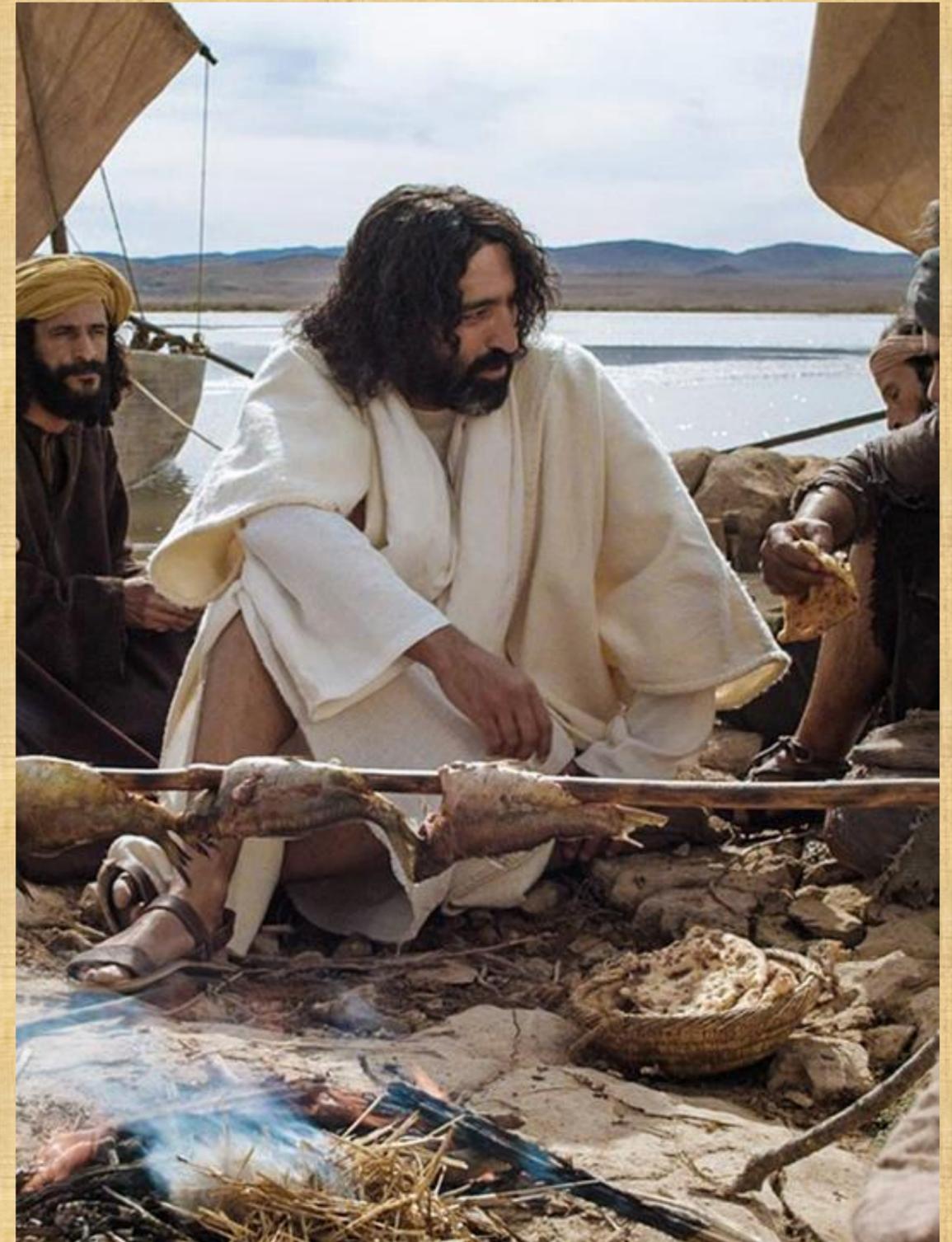
- **Jesus rallied his followers**
 - **More than 500 brothers and sisters (1 Corinthians 15:6)**
 - **Some doubted (Matthew 28:16-17)**

What did Jesus do in 40 days?

- **Jesus gave them their life mission**
- **He prepared them to receive the Holy Spirit**
- **He commanded them to go and make disciples worldwide**

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

(Acts 1:4-5)



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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

(Acts 1:8)



And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:18-20)



When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

(Luke 24:50-51)

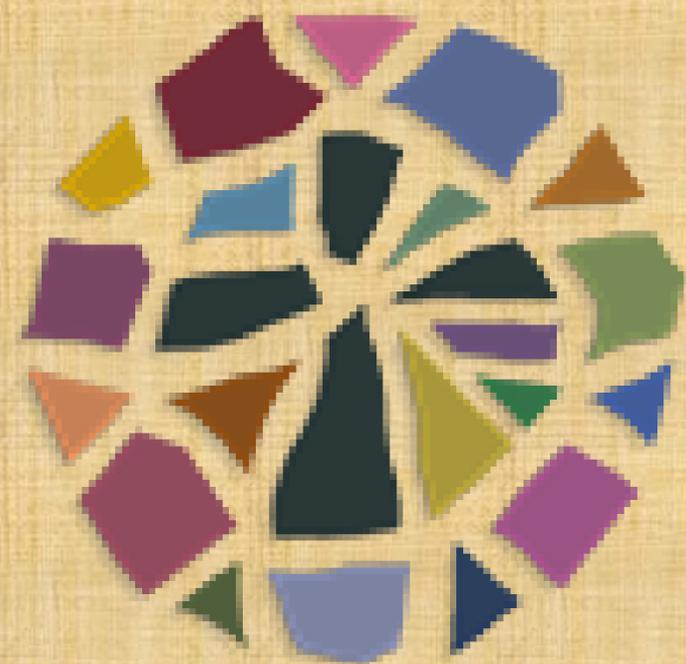


Takeaways

- **We are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28)**
- **What God spoke came into being (Luke 24:44)**
- **Remember your calling (1 Corinthians 1:26)**
- **Jesus will respond to you in your doubts (Mark 9:24)**
- **Jesus will pick you up when you fall (John 21:15-17)**
- **Jesus rallies us together as the church (Hebrews 10:24-25)**
- **Jesus has given us a great mission (Matthew 28:18-20)**

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. ~ Ephesians 1:13-14





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