

Reading Through the New Testament

The Gospels (pt. 8) – The Resurrection

Resurrection Appearances

#	Location	Appeared to	Time	Scripture
1	Jerusalem	Mary Magdelene	Sunday	Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18
2	Jerusalem	The other women	Sunday	Matt. 28:9-10
3	Jerusalem	Peter	Sunday	Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5
4	Emmaus	Emmaus disciples	Sunday	Luke 24:13-35
5	Jerusalem	10 Disciples (not Thomas)	Sunday	Mk. 16:14; Lk. 24:33-43; Jn. 20:19-25
6	Jerusalem	11 disciples	A week later	John 20:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:5
7	Galilee	7 disciples	?	John 21:1-25
8	?	500 people at one time	?	1 Corinthians 15:6
9	?	James (brother of Jesus)	?	1 Corinthians 15:7
10	Galilee	11 disciples	?	Matt. 28:16-20; Mk. 16:15-18
11	Jerusalem	11 disciples	40 days later	Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:3-12

(see Ryrie Study Bible, p.1612)

I. The Significance of the Resurrection: (John 11:25-26)

1. Earlier in His ministry Jesus declared: “I am the r_____ and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die...” (John 11:25-26). If Jesus hadn’t risen from the dead, could we believe that statement with any measure of confidence?

2. The Lord miraculously raised several people from the dead, including His friend Lazarus. What makes the resurrection of Christ different from all of the others?

3. The resurrection has several implications for our Christian faith:

- a.) To deny the resurrection is to deny the t_____ of Scripture
- b.) The resurrection proves Jesus is who He claimed to be, S_____ of the Living God (Rom. 1:4)
- c.) Because Christ rose again, spiritually dead sinners can be b_____ again (1 Pet. 1:3)
- d.) Christ’s resurrection gives us a _____ of our future resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20)
- e.) The resurrection compels believers to s_____ God with our lives (1 Cor. 15:58)

II. It Is the Lord! (John 21:1-14)

4. Easter morning had come and gone, and now the disciples found themselves back in Galilee. This was home for Peter, and most of the others. This is where they first met Jesus. Now they waited by these familiar shores to learn what was next. There are several reasons they would return to Galilee:

- To escape the watchful eyes of the religious authorities

- Because Jesus said He would meet them here (Matthew 28:7)
- They needed to do something while they waited, so they decided to go back to their old occupation of fishing to earn a living in the meantime.
- Sometimes the only thing God's people can do is wait upon the Lord (Ps. 27:14; 33:20; 40:1; 130:5-6). Why do you suppose this is so difficult? Why is it so important we not race ahead on our own?

5. The disciples spent the night fishing, with nothing to show for their efforts. Heading to shore they noticed a stranger on the beach. Did they recognize Him? What did He tell them to do?

6. As soon as they cast the net into the water, they caught so many fish it was too heavy to haul into the boat. Where have we seen this miracle before? (hint: Luke 5:1-11)

7. Immediately they knew the stranger must be Jesus. I love Peter's response. What was his immediate reaction? What does this tell us about his love for the Lord? This challenges us to consider how eager we are to draw close to Jesus. Do we let obstacles stand in the way of our fellowship with Him?

8. When the others made it to shore, Jesus already had a fire going and He suggested they bring some of the fish they had just caught. In Matthew 4:19 Jesus said "follow Me and I will make you f_____ of men." In what ways would the Lord bless their labor and multiply their efforts in the days ahead?

III. Do You Love Me? (John 21:15-17)

9. Why did Jesus ask Peter three times, "do you love me?" Why was Peter grieved (see John 13:38)?

10. Every follower of Christ will stumble, in the course our lives, and sadly we may even deny our Savior with our words or actions. What encouragement do we find in the way Jesus restored Peter?

11. What responsibilities did the Lord give to Peter here in these verses? How do church leaders today "shepherd" the Lord's sheep? How can believers minister to one another?

12. If we truly love Christ, how should that affect our relationship with others? (1 John 4:11)