

**Sermon Notes: They Saw the Lord**  
**The Importance of the Resurrection**

**1 Corinthians 15:13** But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

**14** And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and **your faith is also vain.**

**15** Yea, and we are found **false witnesses of God**; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

**16** For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

**17** And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; **ye are yet in your sins.**

**Romans 4:23** Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

**24** But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

**25** Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again **for our justification.**

**John 2:19** Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and **in three days** I will raise it up.

**20** Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

**21** But he spake of the temple of his body.

**Acts 1:1** The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

**2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

**3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by **many infallible proofs**, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

**4** And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.

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**An Order of Six Appearances (not complete)**

**1 Corinthians 15:1** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

**2** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

**3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

**4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

**5** And that he was seen of **Cephas**, then of **the twelve**:

**6** After that, he was seen of **above five hundred brethren** at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

**7** After that, he was seen of **James**; then of **all the apostles**.

**8** And last of all he was seen of **me also**, as of one born out of due time.

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**Introduction:**Early Morning - Resurrection Sunday

**John 20:1** The first *day* of the week cometh **Mary Magdalene** early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

**2** Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

**Luke 24:1** Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, **they** came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.

**2** And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

**3** And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

**4** And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

**Matthew 28:1** In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came **Mary Magdalene** and **the other Mary** to see the sepulchre.

**Mark 16:1** And when the sabbath was past, **Mary Magdalene**, and **Mary the mother of James**, and **Salome**, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

**2** And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

**Luke 23:55** And the **women** also, which came with him **from Galilee**, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

**56** And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

**Luke 24:10** It was **Mary Magdalene**, and **Joanna**, and **Mary the mother of James**, and **other women that were with them**, which told these things unto the apostles.

**John 20:3** Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

**4** So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

**5** And he stooping down, *and looking in*, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

**6** Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,

**7** And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

**8** Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

**9** For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

**10** Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

**1<sup>st</sup> Appearance:****Mary Magdalene**

**John 20:11** But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, *and looked* into the sepulchre,

**12** And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

**13** And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

**14** And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

**15** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

**16** Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

**17** Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to my God, and your God.*

**18** Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had spoken these things unto her.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance:****Mary the mother of James, Salome, Joanna & other woman from Galilee**

**Matthew 28:8** And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

**9** And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

**10** Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Appearance:****Simon Peter (Cephas)**

**1 Corinthians 15:4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

**5a** And that he was seen of **Cephas**...

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**4<sup>th</sup> Appearance:**Cleopas & another disciple

**Luke 24:13** And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.

**Luke 24:18** And the one of them, whose name was **Cleopas**, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

**Luke 24:30** And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them.

**31** And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

**32** And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

**33** And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

**34** Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to **Simon**. (Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> appearance)

**35** And they told what things *were done* in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

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**5<sup>th</sup> Appearance:**1<sup>st</sup> Appearance to the Apostles as a group (except Thomas)

**Luke 24:33** And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

**Luke 24:36** And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

**37** But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

**38** And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

**39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

**40** And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet.

**John 20:24** But **Thomas**, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

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### Confirming the order of appearances 1 and 2

**John 20:17** Jesus saith unto her, **Touch me not**; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

**Hebrews 9:11** But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

**12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

**Matthew 28:9** And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and **held him by the feet**, and worshipped him.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Appearance:

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance to the Apostles as a group (with Thomas)

**John 20:26** And after eight days again **his disciples** were within, and **Thomas with them**: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you.

**27** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

**28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Appearance:

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Appearance to the Apostles as a group

**John 21:1** After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he *himself*.

**2** There were together **Simon Peter**, and **Thomas** called Didymus, and **Nathanael** of Cana in Galilee, and **the sons of Zebedee**, and **two other of his disciples**.

**3** Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

**4** But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

**5** Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

**6** And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

**7** Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat *unto him*, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

**John 21:14** This is now **the third time** that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

**8<sup>th</sup> Appearance:****Great multitude on a mount in Galilee**

**Matthew 28:16** Then **the eleven disciples** went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

**17** And when they saw him, they worshipped him: **but some doubted.**

**18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

**19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

**20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

**1 Corinthians 15:6** After that, he was seen of **above five hundred brethren** at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

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**9<sup>th</sup> Appearance:****James**

**1 Corinthians 15:7a** After that, he was seen of **James...**

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**10<sup>th</sup> Appearance:****On the Mount of Olives (near Jerusalem)**

**1 Corinthians 15:7b** ...then of **all the apostles.**

**Acts 1:7** And he said unto **them**, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

**8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**9** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

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**11<sup>th</sup> Appearance:**

**The Apostle Paul (Saul)**

**1 Corinthians 15:8** And **last of all** he was **seen of me also**, as of one born out of due time.

**9** For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

**Acts 9:3** And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

**4** And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul**, why persecutest thou me?

**5** And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

**6** And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

**7** And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, **hearing a voice**, but seeing no man.

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**12<sup>th</sup> Appearance? No:**

**The Apostle John**

**Revelation 1:10** I was **in the Spirit** on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

**11a** Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last...

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