

After the Resurrection

Introduction

As we study the life of Jesus Christ, we discover that there was a purpose in all that he did. The same is true of his time on earth between the resurrection and the ascension, a period of 40 days. He used that time to instruct, to encourage, to challenge, and to commission.

This morning we are going to focus on what we learn from the final period of Christ's ministry on the earth in his first advent. There are at least seven truths we learn from the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ.

I. Jesus was Really Resurrected

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Page 1036 in pew Bible)

II. What our Eternal Body will be Like

1 Corinthians 15:35-49 (Page 1037 in pew Bible)

III. The Bible is Christ-centered

Luke 24:15-32; 44-48 (Page 950 in pew Bible)

IV. The Mission of the Church

Matthew 28:18-20 (Page 895 in pew Bible)

Mark 16:15 (Page 916 in pew Bible)

Luke 24: 46-49 (Page 950 in pew Bible)

John 21:15-17 (Page 976 in pew Bible)

Acts 1:8 (Page 978 in pew Bible)

V. The Continuing Presence of God

Matthew 28: 20 (Page 895 in pew Bible)

John 21:1-14 (Page 976 in pew Bible)

VI. The Place of Israel in God's Plan

Acts 1:6-7 (Page 978 in pew Bible)

VII. Jesus will Return

Acts 1:9-11 (Page 978 in pew Bible)

Conclusion

We learn to have faith: We are confident.

We learn our marching orders: We know our assignment.

We are assured of God's presence: We know we are not alone.

We get a glimpse of our "forever" body: We have a hope that only fellow believers understand.

We are reminded that the Bible is Christ-centered: We have a Bible that focuses on God, not man.

We are assured that Christ will return and establish the kingdom, fulfilling his covenants with Israel: We know that God keeps his promises

The post resurrection appearances of Jesus

1. To Mary Magdalene

Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18

2. To Mary, the mother of Jesus, Salome and Joanna

Matthew 28:8-10

3. To Peter

1 Corinthians 15:4

4. To two men on the road to Emmaus

Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-32

5. To ten disciples

Luke 24:36-43; John 20:26-28

6. To eleven disciples

John 20:26-28

7. To seven disciples by the Sea of Galilee

John 21:1-14

8. To 500 at a mountain in Galilee

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18;

1 Corinthians 15:6

9. To James (probably his half-brother)

1 Corinthians 15:7

10. To his disciples on the Mount of Olives

Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:1-11