

YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES TO ME (Acts 1)

IV. JESUS' BODILY RESURRECTION & APPEARANCES (John 20)

A. The PRIORITY of Jesus Christ's RESURRECTION.

B. The PROOFS of Jesus Christ's RESURRECTION. (Matthew 28:1-8; John 20:1-7)

C. The POST-RESURRECTION APPEARANCES of Jesus Christ. (John 20:11-31)

- How many were there?

1. Jesus Christ appeared first to _____, who didn't immediately recognize Him until Jesus said, "_____". (20:11-18)

- What did she call Jesus Christ and then do upon recognizing Him?
- What does Jesus then instruct Mary to do and how does she respond?
- What does this appearance by Jesus to Mary show us about Him?

2. Jesus Christ also appeared to the _____ (for Judas was already dead and Thomas was absent) as they were hiding behind closed doors for fear of the Jews and He walked _____ the doors and said to them, "_____ be with you" and then showed them His _____ and His _____. (20:19-23)

- What did Jesus then say to them?
- What did He symbolically do?
- What did He then say and what does it mean?
- What later gave incredible proof that these disciples had seen the risen Christ?

3. Jesus Christ later appeared to the _____ as _____ was now present, and Jesus provided for him _____ proof of His resurrected, glorified body which Thomas had demanded. (20:24-31)

- How did Thomas respond to seeing and hearing the risen Savior?
- What does this indicate about the person of Jesus Christ?
- What does all of this mean to those who have not seen the risen Christ like Thomas?
- What is important to noted about the placing of this statement in the book of John?
- Why were these things written and what is God's promise if you believe in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone?

D. The PRE-ASCENSION INSTRUCTIONS of Jesus Christ.

1. These instructions are often-times called the _____ and were given between Christ's _____ and His _____ in view of His teaching in the _____ of John 13-17 and the building of the _____.
2. These instructions were given by our Lord to the _____ to be carried out by the Church after the descent of the _____ and are found in...
 - a. **JOHN 20:21-23.**
 - b. **MATTHEW 28:16-20.**
 - What is the primary instructions here? (vs.19a)
 - What would this involve? (vs.19-20)
 - What promise is connected with this? (vs.20)
 - c. **MARK 16:14-20**
 - What does vs.14 underscore about the fulfillment of these instructions?
 - What is the message to be preached? (vs.15)
 - What was to be the normal by-product of believing the Gospel? (vs.16)
 - What was especially connected with the ministry of the apostles in the early church to authenticate their message and ministry? (vs.17-18)
 - Then what happened and did the disciples follow these instructions? (vs.19-20)
 - d. **LUKE 24:44-53**
 - What was the OT all about? (vs.44-45)
 - What was necessary? (vs.46)
 - What was now to be preached in connection with this message? (vs.47)
 - Who was God going to use to do this? (vs.48)
 - What would God provide for them to accomplish this and what then occurred? (vs.49-53)
 - e. **ACTS 1:1-11**
 - When the Holy Spirit would descend what would be true of them and where would this occur?
 - What then happened to our Lord and what was promised regarding Him? What is He doing today?