

Resurrection

A survey of Biblical teaching about Jesus'
resurrection

Resurrection in the Gospels

Post-Resurrection Sunday to Ascension

Timeline of Post-Resurrection Appearances

Resurrection Sunday	Teaching Period	Ascension Day	Pentecost
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Day after Passover Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acts 1:1-5• 40 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acts 1:6-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 days after Passover (Sunday)

Post-ascension appearances to Stephen (Acts 7:55-56) and Paul

5 Themes

1. Resurrection is a bodily reality
2. Jesus was resurrected first (firstfruit); we will follow later
3. Judgement of all men is connected with the return of Jesus and our resurrection
4. Jesus' resurrection establishes his lordship and hence divinity
5. Resurrection is used as a metaphor for our converted life

Events During 40 Days of Teaching

- Appearance to Thomas, John 20:24-29
 - Thomas is absent during the first appearance to the company of disciples including 11 apostles and the two men from Emmaus, Luke 24:33-49; John 20:19-23
 - They saw his hands and feet
 - He ate with them
 - He taught them
 - He breathed on them, imparting the Holy Spirit
 - He instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the Spirit's power

Events During 40 Days of Teaching

- Appearance to Thomas, John 20:24-29
 - Thomas is told of the appearance, remains incredulous
 - After eight days, he appears when Thomas is present, John 20:24-29 (appearance #2)
 - The “disciples” are again together

The passage that follows (John 20:30-31) indicates that the resurrection is profound proof of Jesus’ divinity.

Events During 40 Days of Teaching

- Appearance to 7 apostles at the Sea of Galilee. Five are named; Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, and John.
(John 21:1-24)
 - The “third” appearance to this group after resurrection, John 21:14
 - Jesus was eventually recognized this time, John 21:4, 12
 - Jesus prepares a meal and eats with them
 - Interaction with Peter specifically
 - Question re. John and misunderstanding the answer

Events During 40 Days of Teaching

- Jesus commissioned the apostles, Matthew 28:16-20
 - At a mountain in Galilee that Jesus chose, v. 10, 16
 - They “worshipped” and “doubted”, v. 17
 - Jesus claims all power in heaven and earth, v.18
 - Apostles sent out to teach, v. 19-20

Events During 40 Days of Teaching

- Final appearance at Bethany, Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-9
 - Chosen apostles, Acts 1:2, 4
 - Instruction to wait in Jerusalem for power from the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:4-5
 - Further teaching about the kingdom
 - Discussion about the timing of the “restoration of the kingdom to Israel”

Events During 40 Days of Teaching

- Other, less detailed, appearances mentioned by Paul
 - 500 brethren at once, many still alive and capable of testifying, I Corinthians 15:6
 - To James (Jesus' brother, not the apostle), I Corinthians 15:7