

Resurrection of Jesus Christ Appears to the Disciples – Thomas Absent Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25

Appearances of Jesus after the Resurrection:

1. Mary at the tomb – John 20:11-18
2. Woman leaving the tomb – Matt. 28:9-10
3. Two followers on the road to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-32
4. Peter – Luke 24:34

I. Jesus Came to Them - Fearful and Faithless

“Then the same _____ at evening, being the first _____ of the week, (“And as they (_____) thus spake” Luke 24:36) when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for _____ of the Jews (“as they sat (Gk - _____) at meat,” Mark 16:14), came Jesus (“_____” Luke 24:36) and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, _____ be unto you.” John 20:19 “But they were _____ and affrighted (_____), and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye _____? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?” (“and upbraided them with their unbelief and _____ of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.” Mark 16:14) Luke 24:37-38

“same day at evening, being the first day of the week,” –

“the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews” –

“came Jesus himself” –

“Peace be unto you.” –

“supposed that they had seen a spirit.” –

“unbelief and hardness of heart,” –

II. Jesus Reassured Them – Wounds and Ate

“_____ my hands and my feet, that it is I _____: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet (“and his _____” John 20:20). And while they yet believed not for _____, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any _____? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them. (“_____ were the disciples _____, when they saw the LORD.” John 20:20)” Luke 24:39-43

“handle me, and see;” –

“they yet believed not for joy, and wondered,” –

“Have ye here any meat?” –

“Then were the disciples glad,” –

III. Jesus Commissions and Empowers Them – Good News and Forgiveness

“Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my _____ hath sent me, even so _____ I you. And when he had said this, he _____ on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever _____ ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever _____ ye retain, they are retained.” John 20:21-23

“Peace be unto you:” –

“as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you” –

“he breathed on them,” –

Sins - remitted or retained –

IV. Thomas – Missing and Unbelief

“But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, _____ I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and _____ my finger into the print of the nails, and _____ my hand into his side, I _____ believe.” John 20:24-25

“Thomas...was not with them when Jesus came.” –

Disciples – “We have seen the Lord.”/ Thomas – “I will not believe.” –

Believer’s Application:

1. We shall be like Christ’s resurrected body someday!

2. The disciples’ hearts and minds were full of fear, unbelief, worry, sadness, and confusion. They had forgotten the words and works of Jesus! Let’s seek not be like the faithless disciples!

3. Jesus sent His disciples to give the Good News to the world. Let’s all renew our commitment to this task.

Thomas

A Pessimist Transformed

I. Background

- A. Only the Book of _____ speaks of him outside the lists of apostles
- B. He has two names given – Didymus – (Greek) _____; Thomas – (Aramaic) means _____
- C. His character and personality revealed – Inquisitive, _____, pessimistic
- D. Thomas is not mention after _____.

II. Thomas' Life and Growth while traveling with Christ – ____ incidents where he speaks

A. Raising of Lazarus – John 11:1-3

- 1. Forgot Christ's _____ disappearance John 8:59
- 2. Thomas' statement was _____ and _____ v. 16
- 3. Jesus' desire was to see His disciples _____ v. 15, 42, 45

B. Upper Room teaching of Christ - John 14:1-7

- 1. All the disciples were confused and _____ by Christ's words.

- 2. Thomas' question – and Christ's wonderful answer

C. Unbelief concerning early word of the _____ of Christ - Crisis in his Faith – John 20:19-31

- 1. Not at disciple gathering

- 2. Does not believe the disciples' word

- 3. Christ seeks the sincere _____ - He still does!!

- 4. Thomas' Response!

III. Lessons from Thomas' Life

- A. God desires to see our _____ personality characteristics transformed by His power.
Romans 12:1-2

- B. It's possible to be a very logical and rational thinker yet be spiritually _____.
I Corinthians 2:8-14

- C. It's possible for a true believer to experience a crisis of faith that _____ a complete state of doubt.
John 20:28-29