

JESUS APPEARED MANY TIMES – After He Became Alive Again

Mark 16:9-11

9On Sunday morning, when Jesus became alive again, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene. 10-11Mary went and told Jesus' disciples: I saw Jesus – Jesus is alive! Jesus' disciples were very sad and crying. They did not believe Mary.

John 20:19 & Luke 24:36-43

Jn20:19On Sunday evening, Jesus' disciples were together in a house. They were afraid of the religious leaders. So the disciples locked the doors.

Lk 24:36Suddenly, Jesus stood in the middle of the disciples. Jesus said, "Peace to you." 37The disciples were surprised and afraid. They thought: He is a ghost.

38Jesus said to the disciples, "Why are you upset? Why do you doubt? 39Look at the nail scars in my hands and feet. It is I. I am Jesus!

"Touch me. I have flesh and bones. A ghost does not have flesh and bones." 40Then, Jesus showed the disciples his hands and his feet.

41The disciples still did not believe Jesus, because they were so happy and amazed. So Jesus asked the disciples, "Do you have something to eat?" 42The disciples gave Jesus a piece of fish. 43And Jesus ate it. [A ghost cannot eat food.]

John 20:24-29

24But Thomas (one of Jesus' twelve disciples) was not in the house when Jesus came – so Thomas did not see Jesus.

25So the disciples said to Thomas, "We have seen the Lord!" But Thomas said, "I do not believe it. First, I must see the nail scars in his hands. I must put my finger in the nail holes in his hands."

26A week later, the disciples were in the house again. Thomas was with the disciples. The doors were locked. But Jesus suddenly stood in the middle of the disciples. Jesus said, "Peace to you."

27Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. See my hands. Stop doubting. Believe." 28Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord – and my God."

29Then Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe, because you saw me."

Then Jesus said, "Blessed are the people who do not see me, but they believe."

Acts 1:3 & 1 Corinthians 15:4-8

Acts 1:3 For forty days, Jesus appeared to his disciples. He proved many times that he was alive again.

1 Cor 15:4-5 After Jesus became alive again, he appeared to Peter [Jesus' main disciple]. Then he appeared to Jesus' twelve disciples. 6 After that, he appeared to 500 people at the same time – and about twenty-five years later most of these people were still alive. 7 Then Jesus appeared to James [probably Jesus' half brother]. 8 Then Jesus appeared to Paul [who wrote one-fourth of the New Testament and told people in many countries about Jesus].

CONTENT QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- At first, did the disciples believe that Jesus was alive? (Mark 16:11)
- (On Sunday morning, Jesus became alive again.) On Sunday evening, how did the disciples feel? (John 20:19)
- Who were the disciples afraid of? (John 20:19)
- So what did the disciples do? (John 20:19)
- Who suddenly came into the house? (Luke 24:36)

The doors were locked!

How do you think Jesus came into the house?

- What did the disciples think Jesus was? (verse 37)
- What was the proof that Jesus was not a ghost? (verses 39, 42-43)

- Did Thomas believe in Jesus at first? (John 20:25)

Why not?

- Why did Thomas believe Jesus later? (verse 28)

Can we see Jesus today?

- What did Jesus say about us? (verse 29)
- How many days did people see Jesus (after he became alive again)? (Acts 1:3)
- About how many people saw Jesus at the same time (after he became alive again)?
(1 Corinthians 15:6)

Why is it important that 500 people saw Jesus at the same time?

Why does the Bible say that most were still alive 25 years later?
What do you think?

- Why is it very important that Jesus became alive again?

17If Jesus is not alive again, your faith (in Jesus) is useless. If Jesus is not alive again, you are still a sinner. 18If Jesus is not alive again, dead people who believed in Jesus will go to hell. 32If Jesus is not alive again, we do not become alive again – so what should we do now? “We should just enjoy eating and drinking, because tomorrow we die!”

1 Corinthians 15:17-18, 32

20But Jesus is alive again! 23Jesus became alive again first. Then Jesus will come back to earth again – and everyone who believes in Jesus will become alive again too.

1 Corinthians 15:20, 23