

WE WISH TO SEE JESUS ... in HIS RESURRECTION & APPEARANCES

- The bodily resurrection of Jesus was repeated preached and predicted by _____. (Matt.12:38-40; 16:21; John 2:18-22)

A. The PRIORITY of Jesus Christ's RESURRECTION.

1. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is an integral part of the _____ of salvation that you need to personally _____. (1 Cor.15:3-11; (Acts 2:23-24; 13:30; 17:30-31)
2. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ gives proof that Jesus Christ is _____. (Rom.1:1-4)
3. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ verifies the truth and accuracy of the _____. (Psalm 16:10; Isa.53:10)
4. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ demonstrates that God the Father was _____ or _____ with Christ's payment for our sins. (Rom.3:25, 4:25)
5. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ assures our _____ when Christ _____. (1 Cor.15:20-23)

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

#1: The _____ accompanied this event, just like at Christ's death. (Mt.28:1-2a)

#2: The large _____ is _____ out of its track. (Mt.28:2b)

#3: The Roman _____ is _____. (Mt.27:62)

#4: The fear and eventual flight of the _____. (Mt.28:3-4)

#5: The _____ of the _____ to the women that "He is NOT here; for He IS RISEN, as He said. Come, SEE the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that HE IS RISEN from the dead, and indeed, He is GOING before you into Galilee; there you WILL SEE Him. Behold, I have told you." (Mt.28:5-7)

#6: The first hand observation of the _____ by the _____ which resulted in fear and great joy as they ran to bring Christ's disciples word of the resurrection. (Mt.28:8)

#7: The first hand observation of the _____ by _____ and _____ involved their observing the orderly scene of the undisturbed linen cloths and separated but neatly folded handkerchief. (20:1-7)

- What did this result in?

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, "MARY". (20:11-18)**
 - 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 through the doors and said to them, "Peace be with you" and then showed them His hands and His side. (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 empirical 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 be noted about the placing of this statement in the book of John?

 - Why were these things written?

 - What is God's promise if you believe in the person and work of Jesus Christ?

 - How does all of this apply to you?