



PROOF OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

At Least 11 Sightings Over 40 Days

THE EVENT THAT SETS CHRISTIANITY APART FROM EVERY OTHER RELIGION IS THE CLAIM THAT JESUS -- AS THE SON OF GOD -- WOULD BE RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD. IN FACT, THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE:

**1 Cor. 15:
12-18**

¹⁷And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸Then also those who have ^[a]fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

Today, let's explore the scriptures and review 11 specific sightings of Christ during a 40-day timeframe following His death.

SIGHTING #1. John 20:11-16 >> Mary Magdalene At the tomb. ¹¹ But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³ Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."¹⁴ Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to ^[a]Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

SIGHTING #2. Matthew 28:9 >> Other Women Returning from the tomb.

⁹ And ^[a]as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

SIGHTING #3. Luke 24:13-35 >> 2 Men On The Road To Emmaus. ³⁰ Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.³² And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" ³³ So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together,

SIGHTING #4. Luke 24:33-35; 1 Cor. 15:5 >> To Peter. ³³ So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was ^[a]known to them in the breaking of bread.

SIGHTING #5. John 20:19-20 >> To The 10 Disciples. ¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were ^[b]assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you."²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

SIGHTING #6. John 20:24-29 >> To The 11 Disciples AND THOMAS. ²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, ^[a]"Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and yet have believed."



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SIGHTING #7. John 21:1-14 >> To The 11 Disciples ... Fishing at the Sea of Tiberias. ⁴ But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." ⁶ And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some*." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. ⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

SIGHTING #8. 1 Corinthians 15:6 >> To 500 Believers. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have ^[b]fallen asleep.

SIGHTING #9. 1 Corinthians 15:7 >> To James ... And The Disciples. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

SIGHTING #10. Mark 16:14-15 >> To The 11 Disciples ... As He Challenged Them With The "Great Commission". ¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

SIGHTING #11. Luke 24:50-53 >> To The Disciples (and others) when he ascended. ⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple ^[a]praising and blessing God. ^[b]Amen.

ASKING GOD FOR SALVATION....A SINNER'S PRAYER

Pray the prayer below, FROM YOUR HEART, and you will be saved.

Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, and that He died on the cross to save me from my sin. I believe that He rose again to life, and that He invites me to live forever with Him in heaven as part of Your family. Because of what Jesus has done, I ask You to forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord. Help me to live in a way that pleases and honors You. Amen.