

The Resurrection According to the Disciples

[3] For I delivered to you as *of first importance* what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that *he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures*, [5] and that *he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve*. [6]

Then *he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time*, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. [7] Then *he appeared to James*, then *to all the apostles*.

[8] Last of all, as to one untimely born, *he appeared also to me*.

- (1 Corinthians 15:3-9, ESV)

Jesus Foretells His Resurrection:

- **Mk. 8:31-22; Mk. 9:9-10; Mk. 9:30-32** (cf. Matt. “greatly distressed”...Lk. “concealed from them”; 10:32-34)
- Lk. 24: 44-46
- John 2:18-22

Disciples Response after Jesus' Death:

- **They Fled (Matt. 26:56)**
- Peter's “Denials” (Matt. 26:69-75)
- No one at the Burial (Luke 23:50-56)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples:

- Peter – Lk 24:34, **1 Cor. 15:5-8**
- Emmaus Road – Lk 24:13-35
- Disciples (w/out Thomas) – John 20:19:24
- Disciples (w/ Thomas) – John 20:26-28
- Disciples – John 21
- “The Great Commission” - Matt. 28:16-20 *Group Appearance*
- Paul - Acts 9:3-9, 17; 9:1
- **The Ascension - (Acts 1:3-11)**

Bold Proclamation post-Resurrection:

- **Acts 2:24-28; 2:32; 3:15; 4:1-2, 10, 33; Acts 17:18**
- 1 Cor. 15:3ff

Resurrection Apologetics:

“In short, from a surprisingly early point after his death, Jesus’ followers were according to him at a level of devotion that far exceeded their own prior and impressive commitment to him during his lifetime.” – Larry Hurtado

Implications - Consider some of the implications of denying the resurrection of Christ. If Christ did not rise from the dead then the Old Testament prophets were liars, since they predicted the resurrection; the Jews were deceived, since they taught and believed the resurrection; Jesus was a liar, since He said He would rise again after being killed and must have faked His death since many people saw him after his crucifixion; the apostles were liars, since they testified that Christ rose from the dead; the hundreds of people who personally saw Christ after his resurrection were liars; hundreds have been murdered, tortured and martyred defending the lie of the resurrection; the Scriptures are full of errors as they constantly attest to the resurrection and hence can not be trusted; we are still in our sins, Christ had no victory over death; Christianity is a farce; we have no hope, Christ cannot save us; and if Christ was not raised, the Apostle Paul says, “we are of all men most to be pitied.” Jack Hughes