

Jesus—Mt 28:16-20; 1 Cor 15:7; Lk 24:44-49

The Resurrected Jesus' 8th, 9th, & 10th Appearances

I. Additional Scriptures/Notes...

Mt 28:17... SOME DOUBTED—“Another possibility is that ‘some’ indicates more than just the apostles were present (1 Cor 15:6?). If others joined them as they travelled from Jerusalem to Galilee they may have been seeing the risen Lord for the first time. If this was the case, it is not surprising some doubted that it was He. ‘Commentators commonly identify the meeting with the disciples described here as identical with the appearance to more than 500 referred to in 1 Corinthians 15:6’” [Kenneth L. Chumbley, *The Gospel of Matthew*, pp. 521-22].

Mt 28:18... ALL POWER—“Because of His submission to God's will, Jesus was raised to sit on David's throne (Acts 2:29-36); Eph 1:20-23; Ps 110:1) where He will reign ‘till he hath put all enemies under his feet’ (1 Cor 15:25). The giving of full authority to Christ refers to kingly authority and is the capstone of the promise God made to David (Mt 1:1)” [Chumbley, p. 522].

Mt 28:19... GO YE, THEREFORE AND TEACH—“The limited commission (Mt 10:5; 15:24) is done away. We now have a universal message, the great commission. It is great for it goes to all the world, not merely to one nation. This had always been God's plan (Eph 3:9-11)” [Jerry Moffitt, in *The Book of Matthew*, edited by Elkins and Warren, 1988 Spiritual Sword Lectures, p. 709]. ||| **BAPTIZING**—“‘Baptizing’ and ‘teaching’ are participles that are dependent on the action of the verb, ‘make disciples’—i.e., they explain how disciples are made” [Chumbley, p. 523]. ||| **IN THE NAME OF**—“Baptism is to be ‘into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.’ This is not a baptismal formula (Acts 2:38; 8:36-38), but a statement of baptism's goal—it puts one into a relationship with the Godhead; baptism marks the line of demarcation between being lost and being saved” [Chumbley, pp. 523-24].

Mt 28:20... AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS—“Of course it is not a physical companionship or a miraculous intervention in our daily lives. Jesus physically left the earth, and the purpose of miracles having ceased, miracles also themselves have ceased. Yet the ‘support’ McGarvey speaks of may be more than sentiment. Jesus, in a providential way, is still active today” [Moffitt, p. 710].

Lk 24:45... THEN OPENED HE THEIR UNDERSTANDING—“He made them understand the Old Testament prophecies concerning Him by giving to them a commentary of those prophecies. He expounded to them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself” [Dobbs, in *Luke—That You May Understand the Saviour*, p. 574].

Lk 24:46... “Part of what He explained to them was that the Christ must suffer, and die, and be buried, and rise from the dead on the third day, according to the scriptures” [Dobbs, p. 574].

Lk 24:49... “Jesus had repeatedly promised to the apostles that they would receive a Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who would guide them into all the truth and bring to their remembrance all that He has spoken to them (See John 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:13-14). The promise had first been made by John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus (See Matt

3:11). Jesus reminds them of these promises and instructs them to remain in Jerusalem until they receive the promised power” [Dobbs, p. 576].

II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **Period of the Christ.**

III. Summary.

The eighth post-resurrection appearance was evidently the one Paul mentions as being with above 500 brethren (1 Cor 15:6), which is also recorded by Matthew (28:16-17). The ninth appearance was to James (1 Cor 15:7). The tenth appearance was the one recorded in Luke 24, immediately prior to His ascension and likely Matthew 28:18-20 is that same appearance.

IV. Outline.

1. Jesus appears to above 500 brethren (Mt 28:16-17; 1 Cor 15:6).
2. Jesus appears to the apostles and opens their understanding (Lk 24:44-45).
3. The Great Commission is given (Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16; Lk 24:46-49; Jn 20:19-23).
4. Jesus appears to James (1 Cor 15:7).

V. Questions.

True or False

01. _____ The starting point for the spread of the gospel was Antioch.
02. _____ It was not possible for the apostles to understand the scriptures.
03. _____ Jesus met the disciples on a Galilean mountain.
04. _____ Jesus told the disciples to teach those men who came to them.
05. _____ Jesus made an appearance to James.

Multiple Choice (Select the BEST Answer)

06. _____ Whom does Paul say was the last to see Jesus: (a) Peter; (b) John; (c) Thomas; (d) himself.
07. _____ The words TEACH ALL NATIONS, actually come from the word meaning “to make disciples.” In addition to teaching, what is the other component in making disciples: (a) baptizing; (b) praying through; (c) causing to have an experience.
08. _____ How many apostles were present for the appearance of Jesus we read about in this assignment: (a) ten; (b) eleven; (c) seven.
09. _____ Which writer, from this assignment, shows that Jesus discussed with the disciples about why He had to suffer on Calvary: (a) Matthew; (b) Luke; (c) Paul.
10. _____ Paul tells us that Jesus was seen of: (a) Thomas; (b) John; (c) James.

Fill in the Blanks

11. Repentance and remission of sins was to be preached in the _____ of Jesus.
12. “And behold, I send the _____ of my Father upon you: but _____ ye in the city of _____, until ye be _____ with power from on high.”
13. “And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, _____ is given unto me in heaven and in _____.”
14. “Go ye therefore, and _____ all _____, baptizing them in the name of the _____, and of the Son, and of the _____.”
15. “Teaching them to _____ all things whatsoever I have _____ you: and, Lo, I am _____ you always, even unto the end of the world.”

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be found on next week's handout

ANSWERS to Lesson 02-110... [01—True, Lk 24:43; 02—False, Lk 24:16; 03—True, Lk 24:18; 04—False, Lk 24:31; 05—True, Lk 24:39; 06—c, Lk 24:42-43; 07—a, Lk 24:15; 08—c, Lk 24:13-35; 09—c, Lk 24:25; 10—b, Lk 24:34; 11—holden, Lk 24:16; 12—redeemed, Lk 24:21; 13—vanished, Lk 24:31; 14—hands, feet, handle, spirit, flesh, blood, Lk 24:39; 15—meat, Lk 24:41.]

VI. Lessons & Applications.

- 1. ...where Jesus had appointed them** (Mt 28:16). Matthew 26:32 tells us that Jesus had already given the apostles instructions as to where to go for this important post-resurrection meeting. They were to go to Galilee. This passage makes clear that there was a *specific* place that Jesus had in mind for them to meet—some mountain in Galilee. The fact is, that Jesus has an appointed place at which to meet all faithful Christians. That place is the meeting place selected by the local congregation where we are members. We are to meet at that place each first day of the week. In addition, when the elders of local congregations select other times for meetings (in order for them to feed the flock, 1 Peter 5:1-2), our Lord meets with us there at those times as well. We need to take all of the appointments very seriously (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 2. ...but some doubted** (Mt 28:17). It is possible that the “SOME,” in this text, would have reference to the apostles. I think more likely it is that others were present for this appearance besides the eleven, that more than 500 that Paul mentions in 1 Cor 15:6. However, it is quite possible for Satan to place into the minds of faithful Christians seeds of doubt which can germinate into a falling away. Such was predicted by the Holy Spirit in 1 Timothy 4:1ff. We have in the Scriptures all that we need to avoid these doubts (2 Peter 1:3). It will be because we neglect that treasure we have in the Scriptures that we, ourselves, doubt.
- 3. Go ye therefore, and teach...** (Mt 28:19). I think it is unfortunate that the KJV does not translate the word *MATHETEUSATE* as “make disciples.” This is a completely different word than the word properly translated “teaching” (*DIDASKONTES*) in verse 20. We need to understand that the lead verb in this passage is *MAKE DISCIPLES*. The manner in which this command is followed is by: (1) teaching; (2) baptizing.
- 4. ...thus it behooved Christ to suffer...** (Lk 24:46). The lack of understanding of the apostles about the crucifixion was corrected. Even this sad event had been prophesied and was all part of heaven’s plan for redeeming man. At this point, these men came to understand this fact. Thankfully, and as promised, the apostles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4), and they were able to teach the truth with regard to God’s plan.
- 5. ...tarry in the city of Jerusalem...** (Lk 24:49). The apostles followed this instruction and we read about the beginning of the church in Acts 2.

VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

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[The highlighted words can be found above. They may be backwards, diagonal, upside down, etc. See if you can find them all. The more you use the words of the Bible, the greater blessed you will be! You might be surprised at how much this little exercise will help you retain important truths. THANK YOU for the good effort you are putting forth in Bible study. DRL]

Luke 24:44-49...⁴⁴ And he said unto them, **These are the words** which I spake unto you, while I was yet **with you**, that all things must be **fulfilled**, which were written in the **law** of Moses, and **in the prophets**, and **in the psalms**, concerning me.⁴⁵ Then **opened** he their **understanding**, that they might understand the **scriptures**,⁴⁶ And said unto them, **Thus it is written**, and thus it behoved Christ to **suffer**, and to **rise** from the dead the **third day**:⁴⁷ And that **repentance** and **remission** of sins should be **preached in his name** among **all nations**, beginning at **Jerusalem**.⁴⁸ And ye are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but **tarry** ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued** with **power** from on high.