



What Happened **AFTER** Jesus' Resurrection and **BEFORE** His Ascension?



The Gospels of Luke, John, and Acts provide extra detail about what Jesus did during the 40 days between His Resurrection and His Ascension into heaven. During this time, Jesus made several appearances. The Armenian Version of the Nicene Creed teaches us that “He will come again with the same Body . . . “, however, His resurrected body was not recognizable to many of those He encountered. Christ’s body at this time was radiating His divine glory much more than before, thus becoming less recognizable for human beings. But after visiting and teaching those to whom he appeared, Jesus reveals Himself in beautifully described scenes.

The major reason that Christ appeared after His Resurrection was to testify and convince His followers about His Divine Resurrection. In fact early Christians were known as “witnesses” of the Resurrected Lord. (*Apostle Paul clearly stresses the importance of the by including many in the list of witnesses in 1Corinthians 3-7*)

Here are a few of His appearances:

- **His first appearance was to Mary Magdalene – (John 20:11-18)**
Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene who was weeping at His tomb. Mary didn’t recognize Him because his body looked different. His body appeared in the way that our bodies will look when we enter heaven. This is also the way the bodies of Adam and Eve appeared before sin. Mary wanted to touch Him but He told her that His body was not ready and He didn’t want to be touched by anyone. Jesus told Mary to go to His disciples and tell them what she saw, so she left and brought the news to the disciples.
- **Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-25)**
- **Jesus Appears to the 10 disciples, excluding Thomas (John 20:19-23)**
- **Jesus Appears to the disciples and Thomas (John 20:24-29)**
- **Jesus Appears to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-14)**
- **Jesus’ final appearance when He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9-12)**