

Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus

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Resource: Summers, Ray. *Commentary on Luke*, 316-17.

The study of the appearances of Jesus from the viewpoint of sequence, beginning from the day of his resurrection to the day of his ascension, promises useful insights. The following possibility (hypothesis) may be helpful.

Appearances on the first day (and perhaps in this order):

To Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)

To a group of women (Matt. 28:9-10)

To two on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32)

To Simon Peter (Luke 24:35; 1 Cor. 15:5)

To a gathered group that evening (Luke 24:33-43; John 20:19-25)

Appearance one week later:

To the eleven (John 20:26-29)

Appearances unidentified as to exact time:

To James (no indication, 1 Cor. 15:7)

To five hundred brethren (no indication, 1 Cor. 15:6)

To eleven on a mountain in Galilee (some time after the first week; Matt. 28:16-20)

To seven by the Sea of Galilee (some time after the first week; John 21:1-23)

Appearance at the end of the forty-day period:

To an uncertain number of disciples (Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9-12)

Appearances that may be distinct or may be identified with one of the above:

To the Twelve (1 Cor. 15:5)

To all the apostles (1 Cor. 15:7)