

APPEARANCES OF THE RISEN JESUS

Match the subject matter of the Scripture passage with its corresponding citation.

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| ----- 1. Mary Magdalene | A. 1 Corinthians 15:5 |
| ----- 2. women disciples | B. John 20:26-29 |
| ----- 3. Emmaus walkers | C. 1 Corinthians 15:7 |
| ----- 4. Peter | D. Mark 16:9 |
| ----- 5. eleven disciples | E. Acts 1:9-12 |
| ----- 6. Thomas and disciples | F. 1 Corinthians 15:6 |
| ----- 7. disciples at Lake Tiberias | G. Matthew 28:1-10 |
| ----- 8. 500 | H. John 21:1-14 |
| ----- 9. James | I. Luke 24:13-35 |
| ----- 10. Ascension witnesses | J. Matthew 28:16-20 |

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After Jesus was first resurrected, he appeared to his good friend, the faithful Mary Magdalene, and then he appeared to the Apostles. Later, according to Saint Paul, the risen Christ appeared to more than five hundred eyewitnesses at the same time (see 1 Corinthians 15:6)! Most of these people were still alive when Paul was writing his letters and the first Gospels were written. This is one of the reasons we know that the stories about Jesus' Resurrection are true. They couldn't have made up these stories when there were so many witnesses.

We don't know for sure what Jesus' resurrected body was like, only that it was still him but different. At first Mary Magdalene didn't recognize him; she thought he was the gardener (see John 20:15). When Jesus joined two of his disciples walking toward the town of Emmaus, they did not recognize him either (see Luke 24:15-16). It was only after Jesus explained the Scriptures to them and broke bread with them that they recognized him—which is what we do every week at the Eucharist!

By his Resurrection appearances, Jesus convinced the doubtful that he really is the Son of God. Forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. Everything Jesus spoke about came true!



BIBLE PASSAGES ABOUT THE RISEN JESUS

Matthew 28:1-10 or Mark 16:1-10 or Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-10
The Resurrection

Matthew 28:16-20 or Mark 16:14-18 or Luke 24:36-49 or John 20:19-23
Jesus appears to his disciples.

John 20:11-18
Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene.

John 20:24-29
Jesus and Thomas

John 21:15-19
Jesus and Peter

Luke 24:50-52 or Mark 16:19-20 or Acts 1:6-11
Jesus is taken up to heaven.

REFLECTION

1. Read Luke 24:1-12, and as you do, imagine yourself as the women in this scene, knowing that Jesus had just been crucified by the Romans. Think about the emotions they must have gone through. Then read the article "Celebrate Easter" near this passage. How would you define "Easter joy" based on your reading of the Scripture passage? Such joy is a gift. Ask God for some today!

2. Read Luke 24:13-35 and try to visualize the story as if it were on a DVD. Then read the article "Walking with Jesus." Identify three things in your life right now that might make recognizing Jesus difficult.

BREAKTHROUGH! ARTICLES

Read these articles to learn more about the risen Jesus.

Holy Trinity
Matthew 28:16-20

A Model Friend
Mark 16:1-11

Celebrate Easter
Luke 24:1-12

Walking with Jesus
Luke 24:13-35

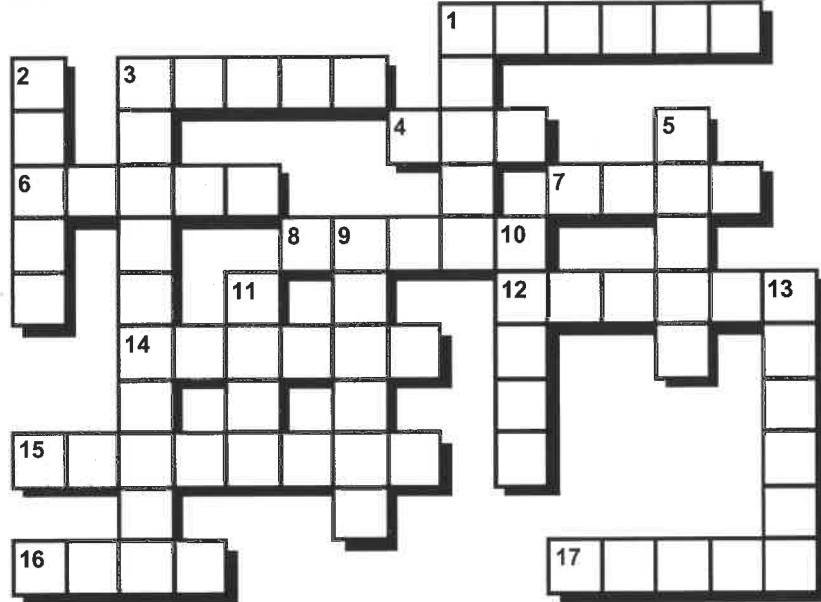
Peace
John 20:19-21

Now What?
Acts 1:1-11

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The fact that Jesus rose from the dead is one of the most important Christian teachings. The story of the Resurrection is found in Matthew, chapter 28, Mark, chapter 16, Luke, chapter 24, and John, chapters 20–21. To help you complete the crossword below, specific passages are given in parentheses after each clue.



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ACROSS

- 1 The women brought these to the tomb. (Mark 16:1)
- 3 The chief priests and elders told the soldiers who had guarded the tomb to say that the disciples ____ Jesus' body. (Matthew 28:11–13)
- 4 When Thomas realized that he was seeing the risen Jesus, he said, "My Lord and my ____." (John 20:26–28)
- 6 The men at the tomb reminded the women that Jesus had said he would rise in ____ days. (Luke 24:4–7)
- 7 The mother of James and ____ Magdalene were some of the women who went to Jesus' tomb. (Luke 24:10)
- 8 Jesus told Peter to take care of "my ____." (John 21:16)
- 12 Two disciples were traveling to this village when Jesus appeared to them. (Luke 24:13–16)
- 14 This disciple said he would not believe Jesus was raised unless he could touch Jesus' wounds. (John 20:24–25)

- 15 Mary Magdalene mistook the risen Jesus for a _____. (John 20:14–16)
- 16 During one of his appearances after his Resurrection, Jesus made a meal of ____ and bread for the disciples. (John 21:8–14)
- 17 Jesus said that the Messiah had to suffer and then enter his _____. (Luke 24:25–26)

DOWN

- 1 This was rolled away from the entrance to the tomb. (Luke 24:2)
- 2 He ran to the tomb when he heard that Jesus had risen. (Luke 24:10–12)
- 3 The risen Jesus explained what was said about him in all the _____. (Luke 24:27)
- 5 Some disciples recognized Jesus when he blessed and broke ____ with them. (Luke 24:30–31)
- 9 As Jesus blessed his disciples, he was taken up into _____. (Luke 24:50–52)
- 10 When Jesus appeared to his disciples, he said, "____ be with you." (Luke 24:36)
- 11 Jesus asked Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you ____ me?" (John 21:17)
- 13 The first day of the week, the day on which Jesus rose (Matthew 28:1)