

## **“Combined Gospels & Prelude to Acts Accounts Of the Resurrection Appearances of Jesus Christ”**

### **Event 1 - Four Women & One Man at the Cross** (Compassionate, Courageous & Faithful)

1) Now there stood by the Cross of Jesus (**Four Women**): His **Mother (Mary)**, <sup>1</sup> and His **Mother's Sister** <sup>2</sup> (**Salome, Wife** of Zebedee), **Mary the Wife** of Cleopas <sup>3</sup> ( Who was Joseph's Brother & Jesus' Uncle), and **Mary Magdalene**. <sup>4</sup> When Jesus therefore saw **His Mother**, <sup>1</sup> and the '**Disciple Whom He Loved**' <sup>1</sup> standing by, He said to **His Mother**, "Woman, behold your Son!" Then He said to '**That Disciple**', "Behold your Mother!" And from that hour '**That Disciple (Whom He Loved)**' took **Her** to His own home. <sup>1</sup>

### **Event 1a - Women Watching After Jesus' Death** (Contemplative, Sorrowful, & Vigilant)

1a) But all His acquaintances, and the **Women** who followed Him from Galilee, <sup>2</sup> and many other **Women** who came up with Him to Jerusalem, <sup>3</sup> **Who** were ministering to Him and looking on from afar, among **Whom** were **Mary Magdalene**, <sup>4</sup> **Mary (Wife** of Alpheus) the **Mother** of James the Lesser and of **Joses**, <sup>5</sup> and **Salome**, <sup>2</sup> **Who** followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, <sup>4</sup> (**Who** also was) the **Mother** of Zebedee's Sons. <sup>5</sup>

### **Event 1b - Burial of Jesus' Body in the Tomb By Two Priests** (Faithful, Respectful, & Sacred Honor)

1b) Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>6</sup> there came a rich **Man** from Arimathea, named **Joseph**, <sup>2 7</sup> a prominent (Sanhedrin) Council member, who was **Himself** awaiting the Kingdom of God, <sup>8</sup> a good and just **Man**, who had not consented to their decision and deed. <sup>9</sup> **He** was a Disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, <sup>10</sup> coming now and taking courage, <sup>11</sup> asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So, when he found out from the centurion, <sup>13</sup> Pilate gave **Him** permission. So, **He** came and took the body of Jesus. <sup>14</sup>

When **Joseph** <sup>2</sup> had taken the body down, **He** wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. <sup>15</sup> And **Nicodemus**, **Who** <sup>3</sup> at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then **They** took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. <sup>16</sup> Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid, <sup>17</sup> which **He (Joseph)** had hewn out of the rock; and **They (Joseph** <sup>2</sup> & **Nicodemus** <sup>3</sup>) rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. <sup>18</sup> So there **They** laid Jesus, because <sup>19</sup> that day was the Preparation Day, and the Sabbath drew near, <sup>20</sup> and the tomb was nearby. <sup>21</sup>

### **Event 2a – Women: Observant, Preparing Burial, & Keeping Sabbath** (Faithful, Prepared, & Vigilant)

2a) And the **Women Who** had come with Him from Galilee followed after, <sup>22</sup> And **Mary Magdalene** <sup>4</sup> and **Mary the Mother of Joses**, <sup>5 23</sup> sitting opposite another, <sup>24</sup> (were) observing the tomb and how His body was laid. Then **They** returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And **They** rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. <sup>25</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> John 19:25-27

<sup>2</sup> Luke 23:49a

<sup>3</sup> Mark 15:41b

<sup>4</sup> Mark 15:40-41a

<sup>5</sup> Matthew 27:56c

<sup>6</sup> Mark 15:42

<sup>7</sup> Matthew 27:57b

<sup>8</sup> Mark 15:43

<sup>9</sup> Luke 23:50b-51a

<sup>10</sup> John 19:38b

<sup>11</sup> Matthew 15:43c

<sup>12</sup> John 19:38c

<sup>13</sup> Mark 15:44-45a

<sup>14</sup> John 19:38d

<sup>15</sup> Mark 15:46a

<sup>16</sup> John 19:39-40

<sup>17</sup> John 19:41

<sup>18</sup> Matthew 27:60

<sup>19</sup> John 19:42a

<sup>20</sup> Luke 23:54

<sup>21</sup> John 19:42c

<sup>22</sup> Luke 23:55a

<sup>23</sup> Mark 15:47a

<sup>24</sup> Matthew 27:61c

<sup>25</sup> Luke 23:55b-56

### Event 2b - Interlude Between Jesus' Burial & His Resurrection (Guard Set & Tomb Sealed)

2b) On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the Chief Priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, *"Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise!' Therefore, command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead!' So, the last deception will be worse than the first."* Pilate said to them, *"You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how."* So, they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard. <sup>26</sup>

### Event 3 - Very Early Resurrection Morning Before Anyone Had Risen (Divine Intervention)

3) [And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an *Angel of the Lord* descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. *His Countenance* was like lightning, and *His Clothing* as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of *Him*, and became like dead men.] <sup>27</sup>

### Events 4 to 10 - Chronological Encounters With Jesus on the Day of His Resurrection

4a) Now on the first day of the week, <sup>28</sup> after the Sabbath, <sup>29</sup> very early in the morning, <sup>30</sup> while it was still dark, <sup>31</sup> as it began to dawn, <sup>32</sup> *Mary Magdalene*, <sup>4</sup> *Mary* the *Mother* of James the Lesser, <sup>5</sup> and *Salome*, <sup>2</sup> <sup>33</sup> and certain other *Women* with *Them*, came to the tomb bringing the spices which *They* had prepared, <sup>34</sup> that *They* might come and anoint Him. <sup>35</sup>

And *They* said among *Themselves*, *"Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"* But when *They* looked up, *They* saw that the (large) stone had already been rolled away. <sup>36</sup> Then *They* (*Women* minus *Mary Magdalene* <sup>4</sup>) went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>37</sup>

4b) And entering the tomb, *They* saw a *Young Man* clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and *They* were alarmed. <sup>38</sup> And it happened, as *They* were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, *Two Men* stood by *Them* in shining garments. Then, *They* were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth. <sup>39</sup> But the *Angel* (sitting on the right side) answered and said to the *Women*, *"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek* <sup>40</sup> *Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified.* <sup>41</sup> Then both *Angels* said to *Them*, *"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!* <sup>42</sup> *Come, see the place where* <sup>43</sup> *they laid Him.* <sup>44</sup> *Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"* And *They* remembered His Words. <sup>45</sup>

*"Now go quickly and tell His Disciples,* <sup>46</sup> *and Peter,* <sup>4</sup> <sup>47</sup> *that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."* So, *They* (*Women* minus *Mary Magdalene* <sup>4</sup>) went out quickly from the tomb with fear <sup>48</sup> and trembling, amazement <sup>49</sup> and great joy, and ran to bring *His Disciples* word. <sup>50</sup> And *They* said nothing to anyone, for *They* were afraid. <sup>51</sup>

<sup>26</sup> Matthew 27:62-66

<sup>27</sup> Matthew 28:2-4

<sup>28</sup> John 20:1a

<sup>29</sup> Matthew 28:1a

<sup>30</sup> Luke 24:1a

<sup>31</sup> John 20:1b

<sup>32</sup> Matthew 28:1b

<sup>33</sup> Mark 16:1b

<sup>34</sup> Luke 24:1cd

<sup>35</sup> Mark 16:1cd

<sup>36</sup> Mark 16:3-4

<sup>37</sup> Luke 24:3

<sup>38</sup> Mark 16:5

<sup>39</sup> Luke 24:4-5a

<sup>40</sup> Matthew 28:5a

<sup>41</sup> Mark 16:6b

<sup>42</sup> Luke 24:5b-6a

<sup>43</sup> Matthew 28:6c

<sup>44</sup> Mark 16:6d

<sup>45</sup> Luke 24:6b-8

<sup>46</sup> Matthew 28:7a

<sup>47</sup> Mark 16:7a

<sup>48</sup> Matthew 28:7bcd-8:a

<sup>49</sup> Mark 16:8b

<sup>50</sup> Matthew 28:8bc

<sup>51</sup> Mark 16:8c

[Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to **Mary Magdalene**,<sup>4</sup> out of **Whom** He had cast seven demons.]<sup>52</sup>

5a) But **Mary (Magdalene)**<sup>4</sup> (this whole time) stood (by **herself**) outside by the tomb weeping, and as **She** wept **She** stooped down and looked into the tomb (after the **Other Women left Together** without **Her**). And **She** saw **Two Angels** in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then **They** said to **Her**, “*Woman, why are you weeping?*” **She** said to **Them**, “*Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.*”

5b) Now when **She** had said this, **She** turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to **Her**, “*Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?*” **She**, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “*Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.*” Jesus said to her, “*Mary!*” **She** turned and said to Him, “*Rabboni!*” (which means, Teacher). Jesus said to **Her**, “*Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to **My Brethren** and say to them, ‘I AM ascending to My Father and Your Father, and to My God and Your God.’*”<sup>53</sup>

6a) Now, as **They (Women minus Mary Magdalene)**<sup>4</sup> went to tell **His Disciples**, behold, Jesus met **Them** (next), saying, “*Rejoice!*” So, **They** came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to **Them**, “*Do not be afraid. Go and tell **My Brethren** to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.*”<sup>54</sup> It was **Mary Magdalene**,<sup>4</sup> **Joanna**<sup>6</sup> (**Wife** of Chuza, the Steward of Herod Antipas), **Mary** the **Mother** of James the Lesser,<sup>5</sup> and the **Other Women** with **Them**, **Who** (now all together once again) went to tell these things to the **Apostles**.<sup>55</sup>

So, **Mary Magdalene**<sup>4</sup> came and (first) told the **Disciples**,<sup>56</sup> **Who** had been with Him, as **They** mourned and wept.<sup>57</sup> that **She** had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to **Her**.<sup>58</sup> And when **They** heard that He was alive and had been seen by **Her**, **They** did not believe.<sup>59</sup> Next, the other **Women** spoke **Their** words, which seemed to **Them** (also) like idle tales, and **They** did not believe **Them** (either).<sup>60</sup>

6b) So, **She (Mary Magdalene)**<sup>4</sup> went to **Simon Peter**,<sup>4</sup> and to the ‘**Other Disciple, Whom Jesus Loved**,’<sup>1</sup> and said to **Them** (privately), “*They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and **We** do not know where they have laid Him.*”

7) **Peter**<sup>4</sup> therefore went out, and the ‘**Other Disciple, (Whom Jesus Loved),**’<sup>1</sup> (**Together**) went to the tomb. So, **They** both ran together, and the ‘**Other Disciple**’ outran **Peter** and came to the tomb first. And **He**, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet **He**<sup>1</sup> did not go in. Then **Simon Peter** came, following **Him**, and went into the tomb;<sup>61</sup> and stooping down, **He**<sup>4</sup> saw the linen cloths lying by themselves;<sup>62</sup> and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the (other) linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the ‘**Other Disciple**,’ **Who** came to the tomb first, went in also; and **He**<sup>1</sup> saw and believed,<sup>63</sup> but **Peter** marveled to **Himself**<sup>4</sup> at what had happened.<sup>64</sup> For as yet **They (Apostles)** did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the (**Two**) **Disciples** went away again to their own homes.<sup>65</sup>

8) Now behold, **Two of Them (Cephas**<sup>4</sup> & **Cleopas**<sup>5</sup>) were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And **They** talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while **They** conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with **Them**. But **Their** eyes were restrained, so that **They** did not know Him ...

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<sup>52</sup> Mark 16:9

<sup>53</sup> John 20:11-17

<sup>54</sup> Matthew 28:9-10

<sup>55</sup> Luke 24:10

<sup>56</sup> John 20:18a

<sup>57</sup> Mark 16:10bc

<sup>58</sup> John 20:18bc

<sup>59</sup> Mark 16:11

<sup>60</sup> Luke 24:11

<sup>61</sup> John 20:2-6a

<sup>62</sup> Luke 24:12b

<sup>63</sup> John 20:6b-8

<sup>64</sup> Luke 24:12cd

<sup>65</sup> John 20:9-10

... And He (Jesus) said to **Them**, *“What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?”* Then the **One Whose Name was Cleopas** <sup>5</sup> (Whose **Wife Mary** <sup>3</sup> at the Cross) answered and said to Him, *“Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?”* And He said to **Them**, *“What things?”* So **They** <sup>4&5</sup> said to Him, *“The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, Who was a Prophet Mighty in Deed and Word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But **We** were hoping that it was He Who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and **Certain Women of Our Company**, Who arrived at the tomb early, astonished **Us**. When **They** did not find His body, **They** came saying that **They** had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of **Those Who** were with us (**Simon Peter**, <sup>4</sup> & *‘That Other Disciple, Whom Jesus Loved,’* <sup>1</sup>) went to the tomb and found it just as the **Women** had said; but Him **They** did not see.”*

Then He said to **Them**, *“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His Glory?”* And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to **Them** in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then **They** drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But **They** constrained Him, saying, *“Abide with **Us**, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.”* And He went in to stay with **Them**.

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with **Them**, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to **Them**. Then **Their** eyes were opened and **They** knew Him; and He vanished from **Their** sight. And **They** <sup>4&5</sup> said to **One Another**, *“Did not **Our** heart burn within **Us** while He talked with **Us** on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to **Us**?”* <sup>66</sup>

[Paul Writes to the Corinthians, *“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by **Cephas**, <sup>4</sup> then by the **Twelve**.”*] <sup>67</sup>

9) So, **They** (**Cephas** <sup>4</sup> & **Cleopas** <sup>5</sup>) returned to Jerusalem that very hour, and found the **Eleven** and **Those Who** were with **Them** gathered together, saying, *“The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to **Simon**!”* <sup>4</sup> And **They** <sup>4&5</sup> told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to **Them** in the breaking of bread. <sup>68</sup>

[And as **They** <sup>4&5</sup> told this story to the Rest, **They** (the **Eleven**) did not believe **Them** either. But Jesus (immediately) appeared to the **Eleven** as **They** sat at the table; and He rebuked **Their** unbelief and hardness of heart, because **They** did not believe *‘Those’ Who* had seen Him after He had risen.] <sup>69</sup>

10) For even though the doors were shut where the Disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to **Them**, *“Peace be with you.”* <sup>70</sup> But **They** were terrified and frightened, and supposed **They** had seen a spirit. And He said to **Them**, *“Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”*

When He had said this, He showed **Them** His hands and His feet. But while **They** still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to **Them**, *“Have you any food here?”* So, **They** gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in **Their** presence.

Then He said to **Them**, *“These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”* And He opened **Their** understanding, that **They** might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to **Them**, ...

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<sup>66</sup> Luke 24:13-32

<sup>67</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3-5

<sup>68</sup> Luke 24:33-35

<sup>69</sup> Mark 16:13-14

<sup>70</sup> John 20:19

... *“Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.”*<sup>71</sup>

*“Behold, I will send the Promise of My Father upon You; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until You are endued with power from on high.”*<sup>72</sup>

So, Jesus said to **Them** again, *“Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”* And when He had said this, He Breathed on **Them**, and said to **Them**, *“Receive the Holy Spirit. If You forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if You retain the sins of any, they are retained.”*<sup>73</sup>

[Now **Thomas**, **Called the Twin**,<sup>6</sup> **One of the Twelve**, was not with **Them** when Jesus came. The **Other Disciples** therefore said to **Him**, *“We have seen the Lord!”* So **He** said to **Them**, *“Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe!”*<sup>74</sup>

#### Event 11 - Appearance of Jesus on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day After His Resurrection from the Dead

11) And after eight days (had passed) **His Disciples** were again (**Together**) inside, and **Thomas**<sup>6</sup> (was) with **Them**. Jesus came, (although) the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, *“Peace to you!”* Then He said to **Thomas**, *“Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing!”* And **Thomas**<sup>6</sup> answered and said to **Him**, *“My Lord and My God!”* Jesus said to him, *“Thomas, because You have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are Those Who have not seen and yet have believed!”*<sup>75</sup>

#### Event 12 - Appearance of Jesus on the Shore of the Sea of Galilee

[After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the **Disciples** at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: **Simon Peter**,<sup>4</sup> **Thomas** called the Twin,<sup>6</sup> **Nathanael** of Cana in Galilee, the Sons of Zebedee (James & John), and Two Other of His Disciples (Including *‘That Disciple’*<sup>1</sup>) were together.]<sup>76</sup>

12) **Simon Peter**<sup>1</sup> said to **Them**, *“I am going fishing.”* **They** said to **Him**, *“We are going with you also.”* **They** went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the **Disciples** did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to **Them**, *“Children, have you any food?”* **They** answered **Him**, *“No!”* And He said to **Them**, *“Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.”* So **They** cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore, *‘That Disciple Whom Jesus Loved’*<sup>1</sup> said to **Peter**,<sup>4</sup> *“It is the Lord!”*

Now when **Simon Peter**<sup>4</sup> heard that it was the Lord, **He** put on **His** outer garment, for **He** had removed it, and plunged into the sea. But the **Other (Six) Disciples** came in the little boat, for **They** were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits, dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as **They** had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

Jesus said to **Them**, *“Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.”* **Simon Peter**<sup>4</sup> went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to **Them**, *“Come and eat breakfast.”* Yet none of the **Disciples** dared ask **Him**, *“Who are You?”* - knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to **Them**, and likewise the fish. This is now the Third Time Jesus showed Himself to **His Disciples** after He was raised from the dead.

So, when **They** had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to **Simon Peter**,<sup>4</sup> *“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?”* **He** said to **Him**, *“Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.”* **He** said to **Him**, *“Feed My Lambs!”* **He** said to **Him** again a second time, *“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?”* **He** said to **Him**, *“Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.”* **He** said to **Him**, *“Tend My Sheep!”* ...

<sup>71</sup> Luke 24:37-48

<sup>72</sup> Luke 24:49

<sup>73</sup> John 20:21-23

<sup>74</sup> John 20:24-25

<sup>75</sup> John 20:26-29

<sup>76</sup> John 21:1-2

... He (Jesus) said to Him the third time, *“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?”* Peter was grieved because He said to Him the third time, *“Do you love Me?”* And He said to Him, *“Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.”* Jesus said to Him, *“Feed My Sheep! Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.”* This He spoke, signifying by what death He would Glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to Him, *“Follow Me!”*

Then Peter, <sup>4</sup> turning around, saw the *‘Disciple Whom Jesus Loved’* <sup>1</sup> following, Who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, *“Lord, who is the one who betrays You?”* Peter, <sup>4</sup> seeing Him, <sup>1</sup> said to Jesus, *“But Lord, what about this Man?”* Jesus said to Him, *“If I will that He remain till I come, what is that to You? You Follow Me!”* <sup>77</sup>

[Then this saying went out among the Brethren that *‘This Disciple (Whom Jesus Loved)’* <sup>1</sup> would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to Him <sup>1</sup> that he would not die, but *“If I will that He remain till I come, what is that to You?”*] <sup>78</sup>

### Events 13 to 15 - Other Appearances of Jesus During the 40 Days After His Resurrection

[The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the Apostles Whom He had chosen, to Whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by Them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.] <sup>79</sup>

13) Then the Eleven Disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for Them. When They saw Him, They worshiped Him; but some doubted. <sup>80</sup> And being assembled together with Them, He commanded Them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, *“which,”* He said, *“you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”* <sup>81</sup>

14) [After that He was seen by Over Five Hundred Brethren at Once, of Whom the greater part remain to the present, but Some have fallen asleep. 15a) After that He was seen by James (His Brother), 15b) then by all the Apostles.] <sup>82</sup>

### Event 16 - Final Appearance & Ascension of Jesus 40 Days After His Resurrection

16) Therefore, when They had (all) come together (for the last time), They asked Him, saying, *“Lord, will You at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?”* And He said to Them, *“It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His Own Authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth!”* <sup>83</sup>

And (then) He led Them out as far as Bethany, <sup>84</sup> and He said to Them, <sup>85</sup> *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>86</sup> Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My Name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. <sup>87</sup> Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I AM with you always, even to the end of the age!”* <sup>88</sup>

<sup>77</sup> John 21:3-22

<sup>78</sup> John 21:23

<sup>79</sup> Acts 1:1-3

<sup>80</sup> Matthew 28:16-17

<sup>81</sup> Acts 1:4-5

<sup>82</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:6-7

<sup>83</sup> Acts 1:6-8

<sup>84</sup> Luke 24:50a

<sup>85</sup> Mark 16:15a

<sup>86</sup> Matthew 28:18b

<sup>87</sup> Mark 16:15b-18

<sup>88</sup> Matthew 28:19-20

Now when He (Jesus) had spoken these things to **Them**,<sup>89</sup> He Lifted Up His hands and Blessed **Them**. Now it came to pass, (that) while He Blessed **Them**, that He was parted from **Them** and was carried up into Heaven,<sup>90</sup> by a cloud that received Him out of **Their** sight.<sup>91</sup> And (then) He Sat Down at the Right Hand of God.<sup>92</sup>

And while **They** (were still) looking steadfastly toward Heaven as He went up, behold, **Two Men** stood by **Them** in white apparel, **Who** also said, *“Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven!”*<sup>93</sup> And **They** worshiped Him there.<sup>94</sup> Then **They** returned<sup>95</sup> with great joy,<sup>96</sup> to Jerusalem from the Mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, about a Sabbath Day's journey.<sup>97</sup>

#### **The New Church Begins to Flourish in Unity With God & One Another**

**[They (All of His Disciples) Were Continually in the Temple Praising and Blessing God<sup>98</sup> And They Went Out and Preached Everywhere, the Lord Working with Them and Confirming the Word Through the Accompanying of Signs (and Wonders)]<sup>99</sup>**

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<sup>89</sup> Acts 1:9a

<sup>90</sup> Luke 24:50b-51ab

<sup>91</sup> Acts 1:9b

<sup>92</sup> Mark 16:19c

<sup>93</sup> Acts 1:10-11

<sup>94</sup> Luke 24:52a

<sup>95</sup> Acts 1:12a

<sup>96</sup> Luke 24:52b

<sup>97</sup> Acts 1:12bc

<sup>98</sup> Luke 24:53

<sup>99</sup> Mark 16:20