

A FEW POST-RESURRECTION EVENTS

1. **Although there were more, at least 12 unique post- Resurrection appearances are recorded in the Bible.**
 - A. 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 *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, then by the twelve. 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. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also,...*
2. **The women were the first to visit the tomb** -- Luke 24:1-12 *Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb...*
3. **Mary Magdalene, the disciples and Thomas** -- John 20:1-29.
 - A. Mary saw the empty tomb and ran to Peter and John who ran to confirm the report. (1-10)
 - B. Mary Magdalene, who had seven demons cast out of her, stayed and was the first to see and talk with the Resurrected Christ! (11-18)
 - C. Two disciples on the road to Emmaus -- Luke 24:13-35
 - D. Jesus appears to the disciples who were hiding for fear of the Jews and breathes on them to receive the Holy Spirit. (19-23) Also John 24:36-49.
 - E. Thomas joins the disciples but requires proof. Then Jesus appears and reveals to Thomas the truth and says, *"because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

A WORD ABOUT FAITH (John 20:29)

1. **The relationship of faith** -- Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*
2. **The substance of faith** -- Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the substance (realization) of things hoped for, the evidence of (confidence in) things not seen.*
3. **Faith is birthed when God's Word is received** -- Romans 10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
4. **Faith must be activated.** We may carry a bank card in our wallet but it will not work until we activate it -- James 2:14-26 *...For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*
5. **Faith is convinced of God's promise and ability** -- Romans 4:18-21 *...He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*
6. **God can turn the world "right side up" with people of faith** -- Acts 17:6 *These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. (Acts 4:13)*