

D. The Nature of the Resurrection according to the New Testament Accounts.

1. The positive teaching.

a. The duration of the appearances.

b. The number of the appearances.

- (1) Acts 1:3.
- (2) I Corinthians 15 - six appearances mentioned.
- (3) Mark 16:1-8 - no appearances mentioned.
- (4) Matthew 28 - two appearances mentioned.
- (5) Luke 24 - four appearances mentioned.
- (6) Acts 1 - one appearance or possibly two appearances mentioned.
- (7) John 20 and 21 - four appearances mentioned.

c. The form of the Lord after His resurrection.

- (1) Physical, cf. Luke 24:37,39.
- (2) A glorified body.
- (3) Unrestricted by physical obstacles.
- (4) Was the Lord's resurrection body bloodless?
cf. Luke 24:39 and I Corinthians 15:50.

d. The place where Jesus first appeared.

- (1) First appearances in Jerusalem - Matthew, Luke, and John.
- (2) Later appearances in Galilee - Matthew and John.
- (3) Mark 16:1-8 does not describe appearances in Jerusalem or elsewhere,
but Mark 16:9-20 describes appearances in Jerusalem.

e. On what day did Jesus rise from the dead?

- (1) "The first day of the week."
- (2) In relation to the crucifixion "the third day," see references under discussion of I Corinthians 15.

f. To whom did Christ first appear after His resurrection.

- (1) Was it to the women as they were on their way from the tomb into the city, Matthew 28:8-10?
- (2) Or was it to Mary Magdalene at the sepulchre upon her second visit to it, Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18?
- (3) On Mark 16:9, cf. Edward Robinson: A Harmony of the Four Gospels in Greek, Note 164, page 232.

g. The order of the appearances.

- (1) To the women.
- (2) To Mary Magdalene.
Some scholars interchange (1) and (2).
- (3) To Peter.
- (4) To the two on their way to Emmaus.
Uncertain which of (3) and (4) comes first.
- (5) To the ten apostles with Thomas absent.
- (6) To the eleven disciples with Thomas present.
- (7) To the seven disciples at the sea of Tiberias.
For order, cf. John 21:14.
- (8) To the eleven disciples upon an appointed mountain in Galilee.
Is this the appearance to five hundred mentioned in I Corinthians 15?
- (9) To James.
For suggested order, cf. I Corinthians 15:5-8.
- (10) To the apostles in Jerusalem on the occasion of a meal, Acts 1:4,5.
(Or is this part of the next appearance?)
- (11) To the apostles immediately before the ascension, Acts 1:4-8 or 1:6-8.
- (12) To Paul on his way to Damascus.