

"The Resurrection of Our Lord" - page 242.

We learn from Acts 1:3 that "He (Jesus) showed Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing unto them by the space of forty days." In the Gospels, the Acts, and I Corinthians, we have the record of a number of these appearances of Jesus. Let us now consider the number of the appearances according to the New Testament witness. Paul in I Corinthians 15 gives six appearances of the risen Saviour including the one to himself. "He appeared to Cephas; to the twelve; to above five hundred brethren at once; to James; to all the apostles; to me also." (verses 5-8) Mark 16:1-8 has no record of an appearance of Jesus. Two appearances are recorded by Matthew in chapter 28, namely, the appearance to the women and the appearance to the eleven in a mountain in Galilee. We have four appearances narrated in Luke 24. On the day of resurrection Jesus appeared to the two on the way to Emmaus; on the same day He appeared to Peter; then, to the disciples on the evening of the resurrection day; and afterwards He appeared to the disciples just before the ascension. In Acts 1 there are two appearances specified. Verses 4 and 5 record an appearance of Jesus to the disciples on an occasion of eating with them. Verses 6 to 8 narrate the appearance just before the ascension. We read of four appearances according to John 20 and 21, which are as follows, to Mary Magdalene; to the disciples, Thomas absent; to the disciples with Thomas present; to the seven disciples on the Lake of Tiberias. When we take all the accounts together and harmonize them we have a total of twelve appearances. These twelve appearances will be enumerated a bit later when we consider the order of the appearances of Jesus.

What was the form of the Lord after His resurrection? This question is a reasonable one for us to ask since we believe that