

## After The Resurrection!

*KJV 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;*

*4 And that he was buried and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

*5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:*

*6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.*

*7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.*

*8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.*

### **Jesus stayed around 40 days after His resurrection!**

What was Jesus doing and why did He stay around and not immediately ascend to Heaven? **After what He went through—I'd be outahere!!**

### **Jesus spent 40 days on earth after His resurrection!**

**40 (forty) is the number of probation, preparation and prosperity!**

*NIV Acts 1:3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.*

There are (3) three major things Jesus wanted to do before leaving!

**Convincing** people He was alive and indeed The Messiah, **comforting** His followers and lastly **commissioning** them to advance The Kingdom.

**Jesus had unfinished business with His disciples, Jerusalem and the people!**

Jesus spent them **convincing, comforting and commissioning!**

**1. Jesus stayed to *convince* His disciples and others he was alive.**

Until now no one had risen from the dead as Jesus did!

*NIV Luke 24:25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!*

*26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"*

If they didn't believe Jesus had to suffer to enter His glory they wouldn't believe they have to suffer with Him to enter His glory as well.

*ESV 2 Timothy 2:12 if we endure, we will also reign with him!*

We have to convince people when we're down, that we're not dead!

We have to convince people hard times don't mean it's over!

*1 John 5:4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.*

**Tell somebody my life is a testimony that Jesus is The Messiah!**

**2. Jesus *comforted* his disciples before leaving.**

*NIV John 20:26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "**Peace be with you!**"*

This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Jesus said this to them after His resurrection!

Many were afraid they would be arrested and killed because of their faith in Jesus—because they followed The Lord!

They left everything to follow Jesus, He took care of them financially, spiritually and emotionally they know what to do without Jesus!

*John 14:16 I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever!*

Before His ascension Jesus wanted to make sure His disciples knew they weren't abandoned, forsaken or forgotten.

He comforted them with the fact they had a future. *KJV John 14:18 I will not leave you (orphans) comfortless: **I will come to you.***

*NIV Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

The world may have plans to keep you sick, confused and poor!

But God has plans for our lives that don't include the world, the flesh or the devil dominating and dictating our future.

3. *Jesus **commissioned** his disciples to go out and preach the gospel to the entire world.*

It's hard to preach the gospel when you're fearful and uncertain about your own future!

It's hard to convince people God will take care them when you aren't sure God will take care of you!

So I believe Jesus stays around 40 days after His resurrection preparing the disciples to prosper in Kingdom building!

*Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.***

*16 **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.***

*17 **And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;***

*18 **They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.***

*19 **So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.***

After they had been *convinced* Jesus was indeed the risen Savior; after they had been *comforted* and know their needs would still be met!

Now they can be *commissioned* and sent all over the world and make disciples of all men!

The earthly ministry of Jesus didn't end with His resurrection, His assignment wasn't over until the people He was closest to were convinced, comforted and commissioned!