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## Jesus' Physical Presence After Resurrection

Luke 24:36-53

- 1) Three days after His death, Jesus was resurrected (24:1-12)
- 2) Appearing physically, Jesus revealed Himself to many
  - a) To the women (24:10)
  - b) To the two on the way to Emmaus (24:15)
  - c) To Simon Peter (24:34; cf. 1 Cor. 15:3-4)
  - d) To the Eleven (24:36)
  - e) To James, Paul, & 500 others (1 Cor. 15:6-8)
- 3) Our former fears are turned to peace by Christ(24:36; John 14:27; 20:19)
  - a) Turns our grief into *joy* (24:41; John 16:20)
  - b) Forgives the guilt of our sin
- 4) Once we know Jesus is God... (John 14:6; 20:31; 1 John 5:20)
  - a) He opens our minds to truth (24:45)
  - b) Gives us His Spirit (Acts 2:38; cf. Matt. 16:19; 18:18)
- 5) Christianity in a world of religions
  - a) Invites scrutiny: empty tomb not feelings
  - b) Salvation is free! No appeasing a deity w/ no way to gauge progress
  - c) Consistent w/ laws of universe; evil/suffering exists, not illusion
  - d) Jesus is epicenter & central to all faiths; start w/ Him!
  - e) We are dead in sin; given life—not resuscitation

