

Proofs & The Spirit:

(Acts 1:3 NASB) To these He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

1:3. The Lord's post-resurrection appearances attested the reality of the Resurrection. Christ gave many convincing proofs of this. The word "proofs" (tekmēriois) occurs only here in the New Testament and looks at demonstrable evidence in contrast with evidence provided by witnesses. In other words, the Resurrection was proven by touch, sight, and feel (cf. Luke 24:39-40; 1 John 1:1).

V3. He showed Himself to them for 40 days.

In what ways did he show Himself to them?

What can we learn about ourselves from how he showed Himself?

He could just appear in places locked, but He had physical flesh....

(John 20:19 NIV) On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

(John 20:20 NIV) After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

John 20:24

²⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

John 20:25

²⁵So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

John 20:26

²⁶After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came*, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

(John 20:27 NASB) Then He said^ to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."

(John 20:28 NASB) Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

So what do you think of doubting Thomas?

Doubt comes from a word that means to "be persuaded"....

He could conceal who he was on the road to Emmaus

(Luke 24:15 NASB) And it came about that while they were conversing and discussing, Jesus Himself approached, and began traveling with them.

(Luke 24:16 NASB) But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.

(Luke 24:30 NASB) And it came about that when He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them.

(Luke 24:31 NASB) And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

The Testimony is solid

1 Corinthians 15:3

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:4

⁴and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:5

⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:6

⁶After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

1 Corinthians 15:7

⁷then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

1 Corinthians 15:8

⁸and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

**This is a creed.... Like the star spangled banner
Do you know how old that creed is?
Based upon eyewitness facts....
Put down to remember always**

Week 2

Holy Spirit Baptism:

(Acts 1:5 NASB) for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

What do you think they understood this to mean?

John "immersed" people into his ministry with water baptism.

Jesus "immerses" people into himself by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

(Eph 1:13 NASB) In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Seal - Ownership by Christ
(sphragizo) Protection and security by God
Preserved by God

(Eph 1:14 NASB) who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Holy Spirit is our down Payment "arrhabon"; A **NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT**.
It assures us that God will fulfill His promises to us.

What is your reaction to all this?

(Acts 1:6 NASB) And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

Why would they ask this?

Why would they ask this NOW?

It seems that v5, the giving of the Holy Spirit, was connected in their minds to the Millenium Kingdom

(Acts 1:7 NASB) He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

(Acts 1:8 NASB) but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

What kind of "power" were they supposed to receive?

**What did they use that power to do?
How is that power used today?**

First we covered:

These guys were different!

Misunderstand their role in ministry...

They fight over who will be the greatest in the Kingdom
After Three years, only Peter is willing to profess who He really is; Messiah

They were afraid to be with Him.... They were afraid to be without Him.

Remember the walking on water?.... They were terrified of Him
Over and Over, they were frightened by his miracles (calming the storm, transfiguration)
But without him, the sheep scattered..... They all ran and hid after his death

They misunderstood His heart for them:

When the storm came and he was asleep, they thought he didn't care for them because he wasn't helping bail out the boat.

They misinterpret His abilities:

- Feedings of thousands. It happened more than once
- They thought he had to touch people to heal them....
Remember Lazerus? "Lord if you had been here, my brother would still be alive"
The centurion knew better

Also.

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit.... Not like OT

- Sealed in HS - Property, Permanent Ownership
- HS is Non-Refundable deposit of God's faithfulness and promise to Bring us Home

