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Christ Appearing to His Own



The opening verses of **the Life of Christ** are in the nature of a prologue, so the closing verses are more or less an epilogue. In the former, **the Ruach Ha'Kodesh** has revealed **Messiah** *before* **He** came from **the Father**; in the latter **the Holy Sprit** has shown how **Christ** now rules the universe **after His** return to **the Father**. Everything here has a profound significance. We see **Yeshua Messiah** appearing at **the Sea of Tiberius** and reinstating **Peter (John 21:1-25)**. We learn about **Christ** giving the great commission on **a Galilean mountainside (Matthew 28:16-20)**. And we read about **the risen Lord** teaching **so His** disciples **could understand the Scriptures** and being **taken up to heaven** from **the vicinity of Bethany,** which is on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives **(Luke 24:44-53).**

Note that after rising from the dead, **Meshiach** appeared only to believers . . . **His** own. If **His followers** doubted **His** resurrection, it was not because **they** doubted the truthfulness of **His** claims; **they** merely thought the resurrection was too good to be true. So **Jesus** welcomed **their** belief, while tenderly offering evidence to build **their** confidence in the truth of **His** resurrection. Even so, **He** praised those who believed in **His** resurrection without much need for proof. **Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have**

believed (**to see link click Mk – Jesus Appears to Thomas**).

Trust and evidence are not unrelated in the spiritual life of a believer, but our starting point is vital. Faith in **ADONAI** must come first; *then* evidence is helpful. **Apart from belief, evidence is virtually meaningless because there is never enough evidence for unbelief.**

Doubt + Evidence = Confusion
Trust + Evidence = Confidence

Whenever I encounter a skeptic – someone who demands evidence before belief – I avoid offering proof of anything. I have wasted enough time on pointless debates. Instead, I focus on the real issue at hand: their sinfulness and their need for **the Savior**. When a lost person comes to terms with his or her sinfulness – genuinely so – then belief is the next logical step.

Then, ironically, they find great comfort and confidence in **Christ's** resurrection.[1682]