

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup>There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

<sup>8</sup>So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me..."

<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter. 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

<sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. <sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup>When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene,

<sup>12</sup>Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. <sup>13</sup>These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

<sup>14</sup>Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup>'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words.

<sup>9</sup>When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup>It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup>Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

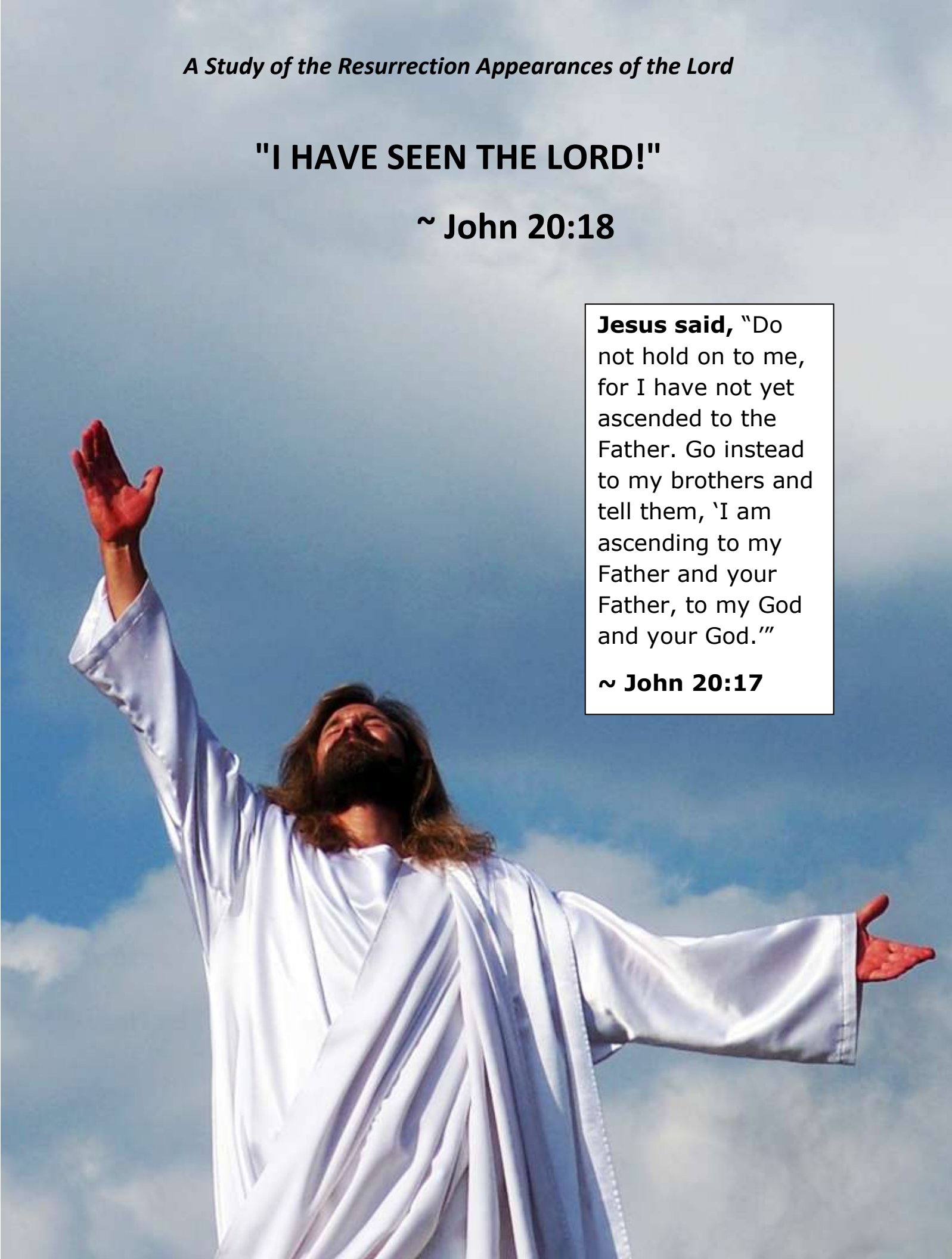
<sup>13</sup>Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus...

<sup>36</sup>While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" <sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. <sup>11</sup>Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup>and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup>They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup>At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

*A Study of the Resurrection Appearances of the Lord*

"I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!"  
~ John 20:18



**Jesus said,** “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”  
  
~ **John 20:17**



RESURRECTION APPEARANCES

The opening verses of Acts leave us with the impression that Jesus appeared many times to his friends during the 40 days before his ascension (cf. Acts 1:3) Perhaps not all of these appearances were even recorded, but we can put together eleven that were – two to the women and nine to the disciples.

1. TO THE WOMEN - FIRST TO MARY MAGDALENE (John 20:1) “Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.” It seems Mary, without investigating, hastened back to tell the disciples Peter and John that Jesus’ body had been stolen. Other women also go to the tomb and encounter angels who give them the startling news that Jesus is risen and tell them to go tell the disciples. Obediently, the women go, but by a different path than what Peter and John are using as they come in response to the report of Mary Magdalene. John is the younger of the two and so he arrives before Peter, but doesn’t look in. Peter, true to form, barges right in and sees the tomb empty with the grave clothes still there. They rightly conclude his body wasn’t stolen, but as of yet do not come fully to believe he is risen, for “They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.” (John 20:9)

(Back to Mary Magdalene who went to the report to the disciples without looking in the tomb itself). In her despondency, Mary trails far behind Peter and John, as she made her way *back again* to the tomb, from which she was sure her Lord had been stolen. It seems that Peter and John already had gotten there and left by the time Mary arrives; they are not there when Mary looks in a second time. The “two angels in white” (John 20:12) ask Mary about her weeping. So overcome with sorrow, she doesn’t seem to realize fully that these are angels talking to her. She is still obviously fraught with emotion as she speaks with the “gardener” who asks her about her weeping as well. He appears FIRST TO MARY at this point. At the mere mention of her name ("Mary") Jesus opens her eyes to see her risen Savior.

2. THE LORD APPEARS TO THE OTHER WOMEN as they made their way back to Jerusalem (Matt.28:8-10) <sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

3. TO PETER (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5)

Though the time of day can’t be ascertained, the first appearance to the disciples may have been granted to Peter (cf. special concern for him in Mark 16:7).

4. TO THE EMMAUS DISCIPLES (Mark 16:12; Luke 24:13-35)

In the course of the afternoon sometime, two disciples were heading to Emmaus, when Jesus appeared to them. Returning to Jerusalem after they see Jesus we’re told that the Lord had already appeared to Simon (Luke 24:33-35) <sup>33</sup>They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup>and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.”

5. TO THE DISCIPLES WITHOUT THOMAS (Mk.16:4; Lk.24:36-43; Jn 20:19-23)

At this appearance Jesus reprimands the Eleven for not believing even after the women, Peter, and Emmaus disciples reported this to them.

6. TO THOMAS (Jn 20:24-29) A week later.

7. TO THE SEVEN NEAR THE SEA OF GALILEE (John 21:1-17)

After Jesus provides the disciples with a great catch of fish they enjoy a shore lunch with him.

8. TO THE ELEVEN IN GALILEE (Matt.28:16-20; Mk.16:15-18)

9. TO FIVE HUNDRED BROTHERS & SISTERS (1 Cor 15:6)

10. TO JAMES (1 Cor 15:7a)

11. TO ALL THE APOSTLES (ASCENSION)  
(Mk 16:19; Lk.24:344-53; Acts 1:3-11; (1 Cor 15:7b)

