The First 100 Days

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Due to Christ being the greatest man (earth's only incarnate God-man) who ever walked upon His created planet, it is a most worthy task to highlight some of the things He did during His first 100 post-resurrection days.

The following is a history lesson from God's Word – summarized by Endurance Ministries ...

Our Lord Jesus had a busy week following His ministry to those who had passed on prior to His passion (on the cross) and resurrection. Having [1.] preached to the spirits in prison, having [2.] escorted the converted thief on the cross to Paradise – <u>possibly</u> thereafter taking Paradise out of Sheol (bringing it to the third heaven), the resurrected Son of God made earthly appearances prior to His ascending to Father God. His resurrection day included diverse personal encounters - with Mary and the women, the Emmaus travelers, the small group of disciples in the upper room.

These encounters proclaimed the assurance that God had indeed accomplished atonement for mankind, for those who would apply the gift through the childish (childlike) faith act of receiving Him and His saving provision. As our Lord Jesus said, "It is finished." The blood payment for the sins of all of mankind was paid. God be praised. Lord, in this year of expressing a grateful heart to You, please receive Your children's sincere offerings of thanksgiving.

Before sitting down at the right hand of the Father, He graced Peter and fishing tribe with precious-tothem fellowship over a meal of fish and bread at the shore of the Sea of Tiberius. Just after a week since He made His first upper room appearance, He lovingly confronted doubting Thomas who then fell at His feet and cried, "My Lord and my God!"

Christ showed Himself to a group of over 500 before His ascension. Never forget the significant context: **He had resurrected from the dead!** Glorious – an act only God as Savior can accomplish. Read what the disciple who Jesus loved said concerning His glorious acts (and one eternally significant reason for those signs) in John 20:30, 31. He was then taken up in a glorious cloud. Those witnessing this event were awestruck. Read the account in Acts 1:4-11.

But the ascension took place in the approximate mid-point of His first 100 days. Other glorious miracles took place. His Spirit supernaturally moved on the day of Pentecost such that thousands were born anew that day. Indeed, the Spirit of Christ – the Holy Spirit – continued to manifest God's glory – supernatural glory when compared to the *first 100 days* of others through history. His transcendent acts continued well past His first 100 days after resurrection. Jesus Christ radically converted Saul as accounted in Acts 13. To this day, the work He began in His first 100 days continues as He lovingly persists in rescuing mankind from the bondages of darkness – as He builds His Church. God be praised. "Now to the King eternal, invisible, to God Who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever, amen."

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