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Saint Mark's Church
Sunday School

The Appearances of the Resurrected Lord

Code: 8/FE / 2

(*Matt. 28 , Mark 16 , Luke 24 , John 20-21 , 1 Cor. 15:1-11*)

1. General Aims of the unit

To celebrate the Lord's major feasts and understand more about the significant of the feasts and to live the spiritual thrust of the occasion

2. Special aims of the lesson

1. To highlight the appearances of the Lord Jesus after His resurrection as recorded in the four gospels and in the 1st. epistle to the Corinthians
2. To explain fully each of these appearances
3. To explain the phenomena of the capability of seeing the Resurrected Jesus
4. To study the effect of each of these appearances .

3. Outcomes:

By the end of this lessons the teens are able to:

1. Remember by heart the appearances of the Lord in timely order and the effect of each of them on the person /persons appeared to.
 2. Remember by heart the meanings of the difficult words and events like “ do not touch Me” ; “ in Galilee; there you will see Him” , “He took it and ate in their presence” , His words to Peter “Do you love Me?”
 3. Explain fully why the “Resurrection” is essential in the life of the church and in my personal life?
4. **Verses :** John 20:20 , Luke 24:45 ; Matt. 28:6 ; 1Cor. 15:14

5. References :

Notes :

1. The Lord resurrected at dawn of Sunday before the angels raised the stone.
2. Raising the stone is to announce the empty tomb as the Lord already resurrected.

3. The resurrected bodies normally are spiritual bodies “ not seen to the normal eye”, but the Lord Himself can open the eyes of some people at certain times to see His glory. So seeing the resurrected Jesus is a gift given to some people for certain reasons.
4. There is no need for the spiritual bodies to eat or drink and has no traces of infirmity or wounds . But for Jesus Christ , He ate to show His disciples that He is the same person as before crucifixion. Also when He showed them the wounds in His hands and side .
5. The order of His appearances is: (This is only an assumption to understand the records of the 4 gospels and Corinthians)
 1. Mary *Magdalene* and the other Mary went to the tomb at the time of the earthquake , the angles talk to them and Jesus appeared to them and “*they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him*” (*Matthew*)
 2. They returned to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples , but it seems in the way she started to doubt , so she told Peter and John they took the body instead of He is resurrected. (*John*).
 3. John and Peter went to the tomb , they saw the tomb empty . John only believe without seeing Him and they returned back to their place. Mary stayed in the tomb , she saw the Lord , thought He is the gardener . When He called her by her name , she recognized Him , but He asked her not to touch Him , either because she saw Him before and doubted or because she still thinking that He is “Raboni”[a teacher and not God]
 4. He appeared to Peter at an unknown time on the resurrection day (*Luke*)
 5. He appeared to the 2 disciples traveling to Emmaus and discovered Him after breaking the bread.
 6. He appeared to the disciples in the upper room that evening (*John*).Tomas was not there.
 7. After one week , on next Sunday He appeared to the disciples and Tomas was with them. (*John*).
 8. He appeared in Galilee to more than 500 brethren (*1st. Corinthians*). Galilee is the centre of the mission of Jesus Christ and He have to announce His resurrection there also.
 9. He appeared to the disciples *at the Sea of Tiberias* . (*John*).
 10. He appeared to James (where and when we do not know). (*1st. Corinthians*).
 11. Then He appeared to Saul in the way to Damascus (*1st. Corinthians*).