

Eleven Manifestations of the Lord Jesus Christ after His Resurrection

The first Five Manifestations in the very same Resurrection Day:

- 1. First Manifestation (Mt 28: 1 – 10)** to the two Maries – Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, who is said to be the Virgin Mary.
It was early in the morning, while it was still dark. “He said ‘Peace be to you.’ They went forward and grasped His feet, worshipping Him as they knelt down before Him. Then Jesus told them, ‘do not fear. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me” (Mt 28: 1 – 10)
- 2. Second Manifestation (John 20: 11 – 18)** to Mary when she was weeping at the tomb, believing Him to be the gardener. Jesus Christ made Himself manifest to her, telling her, “Why do you cry?” And also, “Jesus told her, ‘Mary!’ so she turned to Him and told Him ‘Rabboni!’ which means teacher. Jesus told her, ‘do not touch Me, because I did not yet ascend to My Father” This was also early in the morning.
- 3. Third Manifestation (Luke 24: 13 – 35)** to the two disciples at Emmaus, who are Luke and Cleopas. This was on Sunday at noon. “As two of them were journeying that day to a remote village distant at 60 stadia (about 11 kilometers or seven miles) from Jerusalem, called Emmaus, and were talking with each other about all these events, while they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came close to them, and He walked with them. But their eyes were hindered from recognizing Him, and then they urged Him saying, ‘stay with us, because it’s almost evening and the day is setting.’ So He entered to stay with them. As He reclined at the table with them, He took bread, blessed, broke, and gave them. Their eyes opened then and they recognized Him.
Then He disappeared from their sight. So they said to one another, ‘did not our heart burn in us when He was talking to us on the road and when He was explaining to us the Scriptures?’ ” (Luke 24: 13 – 35)
- 4. Fourth Manifestation (Luke 24: 33 – 34)** He appeared to Simon Peter, according to the sayings of the two disciples at Emmaus when they returned to the other disciples at Jerusalem. “They rose at once, went back to Jerusalem, and found the Eleven gathered with those who were with them, and they were saying that the Lord really resurrected, He arose in truth and appeared to Simon.” (Luke 24: 33 – 34)
- 5. Fifth Manifestation (John 20: 19 – 22)** to the ten disciples in the upper-room, without the apostle Thomas, this was the eve of Sunday at vesper. “When it was evening of that day,

which was the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples gathered, for fear of the Jews; Jesus came, stood in the midst of them, and said: 'Peace to you.' When He had said that, He showed them His hands and His side. So the disciples rejoiced for they had seen the Lord." (John 20: 19 – 22)

After Sunday, the Resurrection Day, until the Ascension Day, after forty days:

6. **Sixth Manifestation (John 20)** to the disciples while the apostle Thomas was with them, after eight days, the first Sunday after Resurrection.
"After eight days, His disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came while the doors were locked; He stood in the midst, and said, 'Peace to you'. Then He told Thomas, 'bring your finger here and look at my hands, and bring your hand here and look at my side. Do not be unbelieving but be a believer.' Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God.' " (John 20: 26 – 29)
7. **Seventh Manifestation (Mt 28)** to the disciples in Galilee. The Lord Christ insisted on meeting the disciples in Galilee. Because Galilee is the place where He met His disciples the first time. This manifestation was in conformity with the word the Lord Christ had told the two Maries, "Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, there, they will see me." (Mathew 28: 10) And also: "As for the eleven disciples, they went to Galilee to the mountain where Jesus ordered them to go.
When they saw Him, they knelt before Him in worship, but some of them doubted." (Mt 28: 16 – 17)
8. **Eighth Manifestation (John 21: 1 – 14)** was in the Sea of Tiberius [sea of Galilee], where there had been fishing and there were seven disciples.
In this eighth manifestation occurred the miracle of fishing so many fishes as exactly 153. "None of the disciples dared to ask Him 'who are you?' for they knew He is the Lord." (John 21: 12) During this manifestation, He told Peter, in a reproaching way, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than those?" three times. "After they had eaten, Jesus told Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than those?" (John 21: 15)
9. **Ninth Manifestation (1Cor 15)** was to James the Apostle, alone: "After that He appeared to James, and then to all the Apostles." (1Cor 15: 7)

10. **Tenth Manifestation (1Cor 15: 6)** was to 500 brothers:

“After that He appeared at once to more than 500 brothers, most of who are still remaining until now, but some of them have passed away.” (1Cor 15: 6)

11. **Eleventh Manifestation** (Mt 28) was in the event of the Ascension. As in the Book of Acts 1 and this was after 40 days. “And you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and in Samaria, and until the end of the earth. And when He had said this, He ascended while they were looking, and a cloud took Him from their sight.” (Acts 1: 1 – 10)

Meditations on Christ’s Manifestations

The Lord Christ works on two levels:

- **Individual Level**

Manifestations: Twice to Mary Magdalene - Then He appeared to Saint Peter three times And He also appeared to the two disciples at Emmaus, Saint Luke and Cleopas. And He appeared to the Apostle James alone (1Cor 15)

- a. Christ works in the inner human soul

He is the One Who created man with a spirit, a soul, and a body. He is the One whose power brings changes and renewals, moreover, He can bring forth a new creation, and as such, He is able to create a new, even from void. “New hearts create in me, Lord!”

- b. Christ cares for the lost sheep that is far away.

For Him, each and every single individual soul has a very dear price.

The value of a human soul is the price of Christ’s blood, shed on the wood of the Holy Cross.

- **Collective Level - On the general Church level:**

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to His disciples in the upper-room twice, once without Thomas on the very day of Resurrection, and once with Thomas present eight days later. Then He appeared to more than 500 persons at once (1Cor 15: 6) Then He appeared to the disciples at the sea of Tiberius.

Christ cares for the Church all the time: “As for them (His disciples), they went out and preached everywhere, all the while the Lord’s working with them, proving and reinforcing their words with the following miracles they produced. Amen.” (Mark 16: 21)

Christ works even inside every Church, and every assembly that gathers in His Name. “For wherever two or three gather in My Name, there I will be in the midst of them.” (Mathew 18: 20)

- **The Lord Christ, in all of His Manifestations, clings to do something positive**

1. Manifestations of Christ are a work of service, consisting of a perpetual movement, which is never stagnant. Spiritual life is rather dynamic, not static, continuously in movement.
2. The Lord Christ always works, in permanence: “My Father works even now, and me too I work.” (John 5: 17)
3. The Lord Christ always strives to change people: a positive change toward better and the best.
4. Since the day of His Resurrection, and until now, Christ appears, works, and manifests Himself to people of all kinds.
This is evidenced by His saying: “Assuredly I am with you all days and unto the end of the ages.” (Mathew 28: 20) - “Hereby being present Emmanuel our God is on this table with us today, the Lamb of God, Who bears the sin of the entire world.” (Liturgy prayed during the Feasts of the Virgin, of the Angels, and of the Heavenly Beings)
5. He is in effect with us, each and every day, on the Altar, with His Flesh and Blood – corporally and bloodily. Any person partaking in Communion bears Christ Himself with His Flesh and Blood – corporally and bloodily, within his/her body effectively. He/she who partook of Communion saw Christ, and Christ appeared in his/her life the same day, the very hour he/she partook of Communion.
6. However, though Christ appeared to me, and though I partook in Communion of His Holy Body and His Holy Blood, did I benefit from that? Or did Christ appear, and yet I am opposing His Manifestation, unwilling to let Him work? Do I really want Him to move within me and to bless me? What did I do today worth of the Communion and the unification with Christ’s Holy Flesh and Blood?

Finally, every appearance of Christ is a spiritual revival to all to whom He m, empowering them to advance and walk forward following Him.