

(Acts 1:1-3) I wrote the first narrative, Theophilus (the Gospel of Luke), about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day He was taken up, after He had given orders through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. After He had suffered, He also presented Himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

(Luke 24:10) Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women...

The Appearances: AFFIRMATION

The Lord's resurrection affirmed a changed spirit among His followers.

(Matthew 28:8-10) Just then Jesus met them and said, "Good morning!" They came up, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him. Then Jesus told them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see Me there."

1. CHEERFULNESS

(28:8) ...departed quickly from the tomb with a mixture of fear and joy."

A. Jesus was cheerful.

(28:10) "Do not be afraid"

B. We never have to be afraid.

(John 14:27) "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful.

2. HUMBLENESS

(28:9) They came up, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him.

(John 20:17) "Don't cling to Me," Jesus told her, "for I have not yet ascended to the Father."

A. Jesus always responds most positively to great humility.

B. Pursuing self benefit never comes from a heart of humility.

C. Humility is falling at the feet of Jesus and worshipping Him with no thought of self benefit.

3. BUSYNESS

(28:10) "Go and tell..."

(28:10) "leave for..."

A. The life of following Jesus is a life off busyness.

B. If you're breathing then He has a job for you to accomplish.

C. If I do the most obvious task, the assignments keep coming.