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Short Study 034: Christ's Resurrection

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Read Acts 1:3

All four Gospels (and the beginning of Acts) record something of what Jesus said and did over the forty days He appeared to His disciples after He rose from the tomb. The central message of all four evangelists is the empty tomb on what we know as Easter Sunday. To this, Matthew, Luke and John add accounts of other resurrection appearances. Mark's account appears to be something of a summary of what is found in the other Gospels.

Luke (the author of Acts) tells us that Jesus "presented Himself ... *by many infallible proofs*" (NIV has "*convincing proofs*"). Search the resurrection accounts and identify proofs of the resurrection. Write them down. The accounts are in the following passages:

Mark 16:1-8 and 9-20 (Look at this first to give you an outline.)
Matthew 28:1-10 and 16-20.
Luke 24:1-53
John 20:1-21:24
Acts 1:1-9
1 Corinthians 15:2-8

To think about: What evidence is there that Jesus is alive today? (Note, however, that belief in the resurrection depends primarily on *faith*, not on proof – Romans 10:9.)

To dig deeper: Try to piece together the different accounts to construct a chronological account of Jesus' resurrection appearances. (Note: Don't worry if the accounts will not dovetail together easily. This is to be expected when eye-witnesses give evidence from their different perspectives. Note too that *Cephas* - in 1 Cor 15:5 in the KJV and NKJV – is another name for Peter.)