

“MESSAGE: AFTER THE RESURRECTION...THE REST OF THE STORY”

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WHAT DID THE DISCIPLES DO AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION?

“During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.” – ACTS 1:3, NLT

“⁴He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. ⁹For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.” – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:4-9, NLT

1. He _____ with them
2. He _____ them

WHAT DID THE DISCIPLES DO AFTER JESUS' ASCENSION?

“⁹He [Jesus] was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!’” – ACTS 1:9-11, NLT

1. They took seriously the _____

“¹⁸Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, **go** and **make** disciples of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰**Teach** these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’” MATTHEW 28:18-20, NLT

2. They spent the rest of their lives _____ others about Jesus

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will **be my witnesses**, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” – ACTS 1:8, NLT

WHY?

“We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.” – ACTS 4:20, NLT

THEY BELIEVED BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT THAT...

1. Jesus _____ who He said He was = He was the Son of God
2. Jesus _____ what He said He did = He was sent from Heaven to save us from our sins
3. Jesus was going to _____ what He said He we would do = He was coming back

WHAT WAS THE RESULT?

“⁴²All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— ⁴⁷all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” – ACTS 2:42-47 NLT

1. Lives were _____
2. _____ were met
3. _____ happened
4. The Church _____ exponentially