

***Jesus' Resurrection and the Eleven:
What Did They Know? And When Did They Know It?***

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INTRODUCTION: Reading John's Gospel as if we knew nothing about Jesus

7 + 1 Signs in John's Gospel:

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| 1. | Water to wine (John 2:1-11) | A. | <i>Agua</i> |
| 2. | Healing the (Herodian) royal official's son (4:46-54) | B. | <i>Boy</i> |
| 3. | Healing the man lame for 38 years (5:1-15) | C. | <i>Cot</i> |
| 4. | Feeding 5000 men plus women and children (6:1-14) | D. | <i>Dinner</i> |
| 5. | Walking on the Sea; teleporting the boat (6:15-21) | E. | <i>E.T.</i> |
| 6. | Healing the man born-blind (9:1-7) | F. | <i>Father's Fault</i> |
| 7. | Raising Lazarus (11:1-44) | G. | <i>Grave-Raiser</i> |
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| 8. | { Jesus crucified | H. | <i>Homicide</i> |
| | { and resurrected (John 19-20) | I. | <i>I'm Back</i> |

WHAT THE ELEVEN DID NOT KNOW PRIOR TO THE CROSS

Would the Messiah die and rise again? (John 2)

Could the Messiah die? (John 12)

John the Baptist and the Two-Messiahs view (Matthew 11)

Messiah ben-Joseph (Joseph's Son) versus Messiah ben David (David's Son)

Peter's confession and Peter's rebuke of Jesus (Matthew 16)

Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am? (What they think as I call Myself Son of Man)

Who do y'all say that I [the Son of Man] am? (What they think as I call Myself Son of Man)

(After Peter had asserted his faith in Christ [John 6:68f]. In 1:40ff; 2:11 he had believed)

"Go [again] after Me, Adversary.... If anyone desires to come after Me.... Follow [after] Me."

**After the Cross [but before He Rose] What Did the Eleven Not Believe about His Death/Resurrection?
Doubting Thomas (John 20)**

The Ten (Mark 16)

I absolutely affirm the originality of Mark 16:9-20. [It has been horribly misinterpreted]
Email me [langprof@gmail.com] for an article on what this page says.

Fear shut the women's mouths (Mk 16:6-8)

The ten disbelieved Mary Magdalene's assertion that she saw Jesus (Mk 16:9-11)

However, Jesus revealed Himself to Mary Mag. In John 20:16f, after the apostle John had believed upon seeing the neatly-folded grave cloths (John 20:8).
I take it that the apostle John also disbelieved Mary Mag.'s report (Mark 16:9).
Thus, we know what John did not believe, but do we know what he believed?

The ten disbelieved the two travelers who saw Him [cf. Luke 24:13-34] (Mk 16:12f)

Jesus rebuked the Ten for disbelieving multiple eyewitness-testimony (Mk 16:14)

Jesus commanded them to proclaim the message (16:15)

Jesus said that whoever [of the Eleven] believed [His command] and would be baptized [into suffering for Him] would be delivered [in this life], but he who *continues* disbelieving [His command] would face discipline (16:16)

Mk 10:38-40 says James/John would be baptized into suffering with Christ

Remember that Jesus has just rebuked the disbelief of the Ten (Mk 16:9-14)

Jesus promised accompanying signs for those [of the Eleven] who believed (16:16ff)

He ascended; confirmatory signs accompanied them as they preached (16:19f)

In John 20:28f Thomas believed that Jesus rose

Recap:

Prior to the cross, the Eleven did not believe that Jesus would die

Neither (therefore) did they believe that He would be resurrected

When the apostle John saw the neatly-folded grave-cloths, he believed (John 20:8)

Yet, later the apostle John disbelieved reports of people who saw the risen Christ (Mk 16:11)

What did John and the Ten believe prior to seeing Him?

A clue in John 20:17: "I have not yet ascended to My Father."

Acts 2:29-36 refers to Jesus' resurrection and ascension to prove that He is Lord and Christ.

²⁹ "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.³⁰ "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up [ascension] the Christ to sit on his throne,³¹ "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection [resurrection] of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.³² "This Jesus God has raised up [ascension], of which we are all witnesses.³³ "Therefore being exalted [ascension] to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.³⁴ "For David did not ascend [ascension] into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,"³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" ³⁶ "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Note how similar Acts 2:36 is to John's purpose statement: John 20:30-31:

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these [eight signs] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John wrote His Gospel early, while the rest of the Eleven were alive (John 21:24)

Imagine yourself (as an unbeliever ignorant about Jesus) discovering Him in John's Gospel