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<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:1-3

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<sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>6</sup>So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Acts 1:4-6

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<sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:7-9

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<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:10-11

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## 1. Forty Days Preceding His Ascension.

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Acts 1:3

# Jesus' Appearances after Resurrection:

Mary Magdalene	Mark 16, John 20
Women at tomb	Matthew 28:8-10
Peter	Luke 24, 1 Corinthians 15
Two Travelers	Luke 24:36-43
Ten Disciples	Luke 24, John 20
Eleven Disciples	Mark 16, John 20, 1 Cor. 15
Seven Disciples	John 21:1-14
A Crowd of 500	1 Corinthians 15:6
Jesus' brother James	1 Corinthians 15:7
Those who watched Jesus Ascend into Heaven	

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<sup>36</sup>While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you..." <sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Luke 24:36, 44-45

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2. Christ Ascended to Prepare a Place.

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Acts 1:2, 9

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<sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Luke 24:50-53

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<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going.”

John 14:1-4

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⁹ However, as it is written:

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”

1 Corinthians 2:9

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<sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:25

<sup>34</sup> Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Romans 8:34

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1. Forty Days Preceding His Ascension.
2. Christ Ascended to Prepare a Place.
3. Christ Ascended to Prepare His People.

“For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:5

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<sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:8-9

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<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—  
<sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you...<sup>26</sup>But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:16-17, 26

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<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

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<sup>46</sup>He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Luke 24:46-49

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1. Forty Days Preceding His Ascension.
2. Christ Ascended to Prepare a Place.
3. Christ Ascended to Prepare His People.
4. Christ Ascended to Prepare for His return.

This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." **Acts 1:11b**

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<sup>34</sup>While he was speaking, *a cloud appeared* and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>A voice came from the *cloud*, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." Luke 9:34-35

<sup>27</sup>At that time they will see the *Son of Man coming in a cloud* with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:27-28

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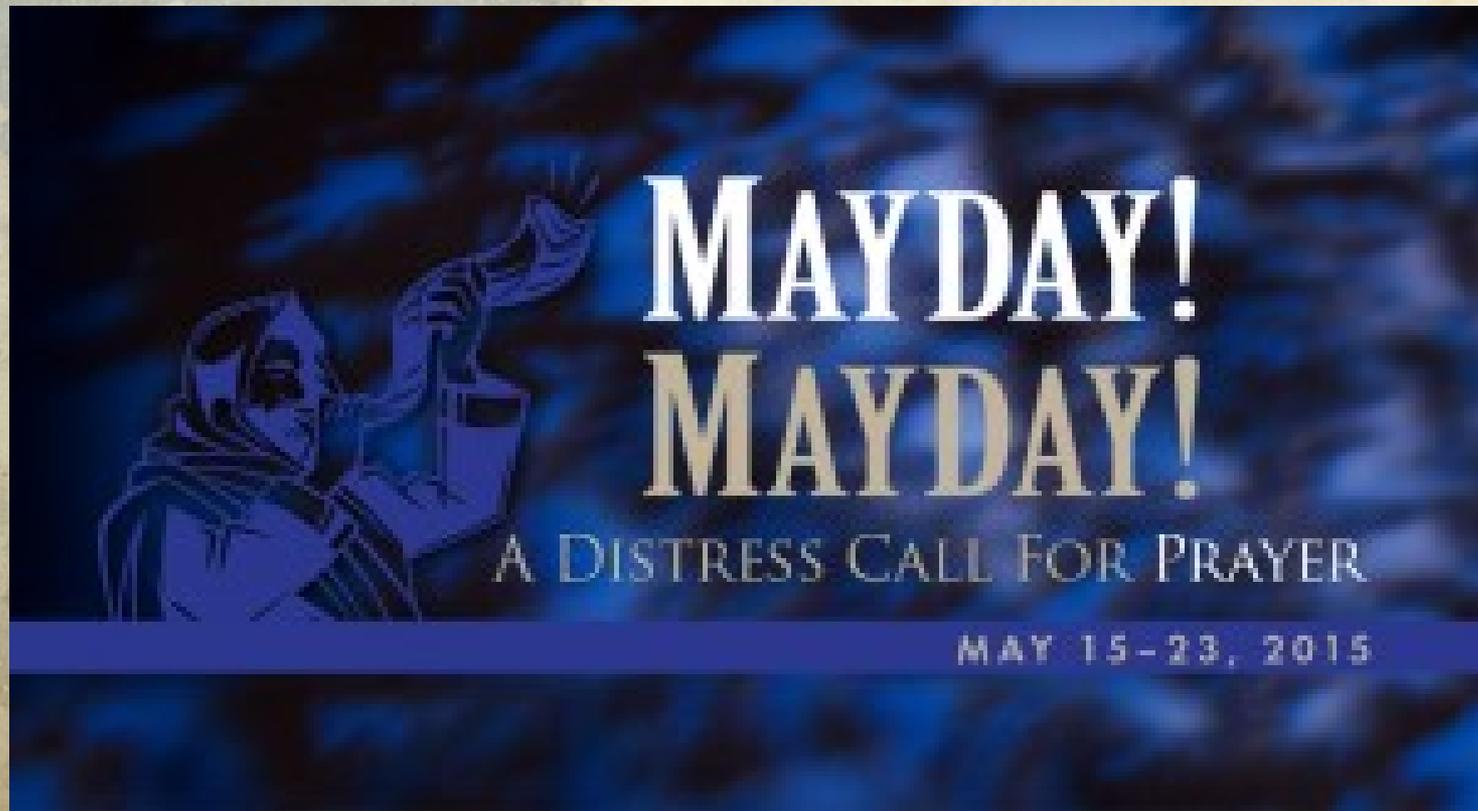
<sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage each other with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

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- To claim God our Father's promise of an outpouring of His Spirit...
- To implore God the Holy Spirit to compel the church/nation to repent of our sin...
- To entreat God our Savior for an abundant harvest of souls for His Kingdom...

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<sup>7</sup>Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup>You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:8