



The 11 Gospel Readings for Matins/Orthros

Themes: Jesus Appearances After His Resurrection & the Empty Tomb.

Thomas doubts He is Jesus

Matins Resurrection Gospel Readings		
1st	Matt 28:16-20	Great Commission [Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:44-49] [a]
2nd	Mark 16:1-8	Sunday of the Myrrhbearers, the Empty Tomb [Matt 28:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20: 1-10]
3rd	Mark 16:9-20	Mary Magdalene is the first to see the risen Christ: [Matt 28: 9, 10; Luke 24:13-43; John 20:11-21:25] [b]
4th	Luke 24: 1-12	Empty Tomb [Matt 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; John 20:1-10]
5th	Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus [Mark 16:12, 13] [c]
6th	Luke 24:36-53	1 st appearance to the 10 Disciples in the Upper Room [Mark 16:14-18; John 20:19-23] [d]
7th	John 20:1-9	Empty Tomb [Matt 28:1-8; Mark 17:1-8; Luke 24:1-12]
8th	John 20:11-18	Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene [e]
9th	John 20:19-31	Upper Room with 11 Disciples, St Thomas Sunday [f]
10th	John 21:1-14	Sea of Tiberius, 3 rd appearance to Disciples, beckoned 7 in the boat to let down their nets; they caught a multitude of fish. [g]
11th	John 21:15-25	Sea of Tiberius, Peter, will you feed my sheep" dialogue [h]

For more information on Jesus' appearances after the Resurrection, go to this following site:
http://www.orthodox.net/questions/appearances_1.html

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## DIRECTIONS FOR THE ACTIVITY -- JESUS APPEARS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION

**Answers to the Question:** on a mountain top, in the Garden of Gethsemane (twice), on the road to Emmaus, in the Upper Room (twice), along the Sea of Tiberius (twice).

Use the following activity during one session after Pascha or as a special activity over a three-week period.

- ❖ This is a perfect lesson for students to work in groups, since there is information to glean from the reading, plus comparisons to make.
- ❖ The group size (2-3-4) depends on the size of the class.
- ❖ Make sure to sit a weak reader with a strong reader who can kindly help the former student as s/he reads.
- ❖ Suggestion: Speak with the strong readers before class to inform them of their special part in the groups.
  - Since they are better readers, you are inviting them to share their talent from God.
  - Explain: Some students take more time to develop their reading skills, so commenting on what someone cannot do will hurt their feelings.
  - They must understand there is no reason to talk about this with the other students.
  - If they can accept the conditions, they can assist. If they cannot accept the conditions, then they will be just one of the group members.
  - Thank them for understanding.

# Jesus Appears After His Resurrection



**QUESTION:** To whom did Jesus appear after He rose from the dead?

**ANSWER:** The 11 Matins Gospel Readings includes 8 different appearances by Jesus. Let us examine three of them.

**NEEDED MATERIALS:** The Chart & pencil with eraser for each student; Bible for 1 or 2 students

| THREE APPEARANCES OF JESUS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION  |               |                                 |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Bible References</b>                            | Luke 24:13-35 | Luke 24:36-43                   | John 21:1-14 |
| <b>Where Jesus appeared</b>                        |               |                                 |              |
| <b>To whom He appeared</b>                         |               |                                 |              |
| <b>When He appeared</b>                            |               |                                 |              |
| <b>How He was recognized</b>                       |               |                                 |              |
| <b>Other accounts of the same event</b>            | Mark 16:12-13 | Mark 16:14-18<br>John 20: 19-23 | None         |
| <b>Differences<br/>Similarities<br/>Uniqueness</b> |               |                                 |              |

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