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Hope Because He Lives

1 Corinthians 15:1-58

“The resurrected Jesus is recorded as appearing in Judea (*Mt 28:9; Lk 24:31,36*) and in Galilee (*Mt 28:16-20; Jn 21:1-23*), in town (*Lk 24:36*) and countryside (*Lk 24:15*), indoors (*Lk 24:36*) and outdoors (*Mt 28:9,16; Lk 24:15; Jn 21:1-23*), in the morning (*Jn 21:1-23*) and the evening (*Lk 24:29,36; Jn 20:19*), by prior appointment (*Mt 28:16*) and without prior appointment (*Mt 28:9; Lk 24:15,34,36; Jn 21:1-23*), close (*Mt 28:9,19; Lk 24:15,36; Jn 21:9-23*) and distant (*Jn 21:4-8*), on a hill (*Mt 28:16*) and by a lake (*Jn 21:4*), to groups of men (*Jn 21:2; 1 Cor 15:5,7*) and groups of women (*Mt 28:9*), to individuals (*Lk 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5,7-8*) and groups of up to five hundred (*1 Cor 15:6*), sitting (*Jn 21:15 implied*), standing (*Jn 21:4*), walking (*Lk 24:15; Jn 21:20-22*), eating (*Lk 24:43; Jn 21:15*), and always talking (*Mt 28:9-10, 18-20; Lk 24:17-30, 36-49; Jn 20:15-17, 19-29; 21:6-22*). Many are explicitly close-up encounters involving conversations. It is hard to imagine this pattern of appearances in the Gospels and early Christian letters without there having been multiple individuals who claimed to have seen Jesus risen from the dead.” -Peter Williams

Christian: Alas, poor Death! Where is your glory?
Where is your famous force, your ancient sting?

Death: Alas, poor mortal, void of story!
Go spell and read how I have killed your King.

Christian: Poor Death! And who was hurt by that?
Your curse being laid on Him makes you accursed.

Death: Let losers talk, yet you shall die;
These arms shall crush you.

Christian: Spare not, do your worst.
I shall be one day better than before;
You so much worse, that you shall be no more.
- George Herbert, *A Dialogue-Anthem*

“The resurrection means not merely that Christians have a hope for the future but that they have a hope that comes from the future.” - Tim Keller

Other Scripture:

2 Corinthians 4:16-18