

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:16-20; Mark16:15-18.

**IX. HIS NINTH APPEARANCE WAS TO JAMES, THE LORD'S HALF-BROTHER.**

" After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles." I Corinthians 15:7

**X. HIS TENTH APPEARANCE AND HIS ASCENSION FROM MT. OLIVET.**

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16-19-20; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:3-12;.

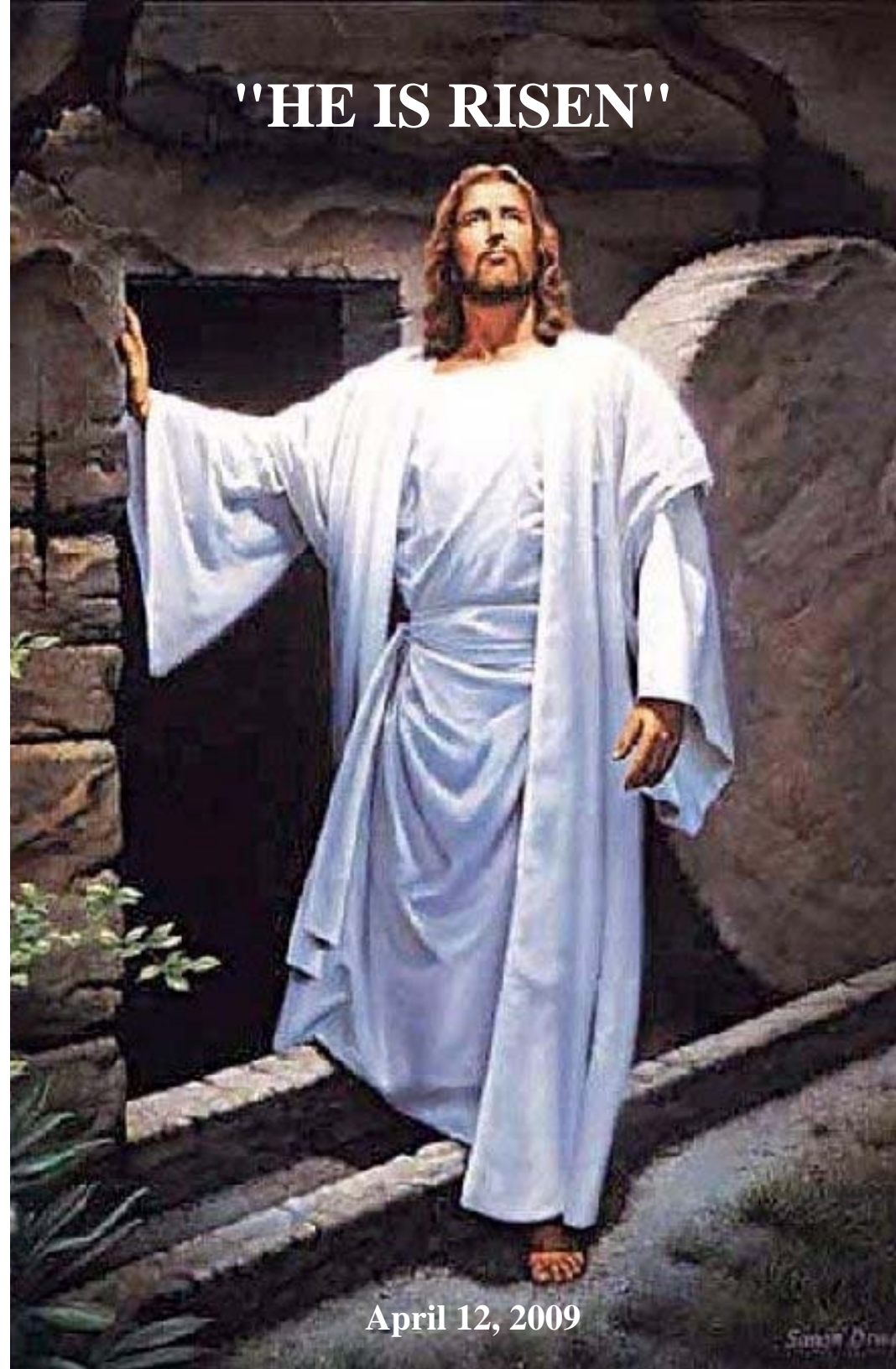
**Note:** After the Ascension 1. To Stephen at his stoning (Acts 7:55-60) 2. To Paul A. At Conversion (Acts 9:3-8,17; Acts 22:6-11,14-15; 26:12-19; I Corinthians 9:1 ) B. At Corinth (Acts 18:9-10); C. In the Temple at Jerusalem (Acts 22:17-21); D. Later at Jerusalem (Acts 23:11); E. In another vision (II Corinthians 12:1-4): 3. To John the apostle, on Patmos (Rev.1:10-19)

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**"HE IS RISEN"**



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# “The Challenge of Easter”

**TEXT:** "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. v.2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him." John 20:1,2.

**Eas-ter** (¶"st...r) *n.*1. A Christian feast commemorating the Resurrection of Jesus. 2. The day on which this feast is observed, the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or next after March 21.

**INTRODUCTION:** During the forty days between His resurrection and ascension, the Lord Jesus is recorded to have appeared to His own followers on ten occasions, the first five of these being on the day of resurrection. The order of the appearances seems to be:

## I. HE FIRST APPEARED TO MARY MAGDALENE.

"Now when Jesus had risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven {demons} And she went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not." (Mark16:9-11)(John 20:11-18).

## II. HIS SECOND APPEARANCE WAS TO THE WOMEN RETURNING FROM THE TOMB WITH THE ANGELIC MESSAGE.

"And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy, and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid; go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me." Matthew 28:8-10;

## III. HIS THIRD APPEARANCE WAS TO PETER PROBABLY IN THE AFTERNOON.

"Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon." [Luke 24:34;]

"And that he was seen of Cephas, (b). then of the twelve." [I Corinthians 15:5;]

## IV. HIS FORTH APPEARANCE WAS TO THE EMMAUS DISCIPLES TOWARD EVENING.

"After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country." [Mark 16:12; Luke 24:13-32;]

## V. HIS FIFTH APPEARANCE WAS TO THE DISCIPLES, THOMAS BEING ABSENT.

"Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen." [Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25.]

## VI. HIS SIXTH APPEARANCE WAS ON THE NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT, TO THE DISCIPLES, THOMAS BEING PRESENT.

(b). then of the twelve." [I Corinthians 15:5; John 20:26-31;]

## VII. HIS SEVENTH APPEARANCE WAS TO THE SEVEN BESIDE THE SEA OF GALILEE.

"After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias; and {in this manner} showed he himself." John 21:1-;

## VIII. HIS EIGHTH APPEARANCE WAS TO THE APOSTLES AND ABOUT 500 BRETHREN.

"After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep." I Corinthians 15:6.

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