

James the Brother of the Lord

Homework 1

Private Appearance of the Risen Lord

Mary Magdalene

Misconception	Required for reconciliation	Who they became
(Matt 27:45-61, Jn 20:9-14)	(Jn 20:16-17, Mark 16:9)	(Jn 20:18, Matthew 28:8-10)
<p>She witnessed Jesus' horrific crucifixion. After seeing this most brutal and disfiguring of deaths, how could anyone survive? Did not understand that he would come back to life, saw only the physical evidence of an empty tomb, not understanding what it meant – that Jesus was alive as he said he would be</p>	<p>She had to actually see and hear him before she could understand and believe that Jesus is alive, really alive. She had to see his risen physical body to believe that he is the living Messiah – anointed of God – he is neither a false messiah nor false prophet. His resurrection proves that death is not the end and that there is eternal life. Mary's faith in him was not vain, his redemption of her from her past was forever, it did not end with his death.</p>	<p>She became known as the apostle to the apostles – Jesus sent her to tell them the good news that he was alive and would come to them. His appearing to her first underscores that it Jesus' eyes women are the equal of men in his estimation.</p>

Peter

Misconception	Required for reconciliation	Who they became
(Matt 26: 31-35;69-75)	(John 21:15-19, Matt 7:24-27)	(Matt 16:18; Gal 2:6-9)
Brash defense of Jesus to the death, but in the crunch denied and turned his back on him in his hour of need, not once but three times. “How can Jesus forgive such weakness. I am not worthy of him.”	While not recorded, Jesus forgave Peter for his weakness. Peter had to understand it was not Peter’s strength upon which the church would be built, but his strong faith in Christ would allow the church to be built. Jesus would be the bedrock on which Peter’s foundation would be laid.	The rock on whom Jesus will build his church. One of the pillars of the church and apostle to the Jews, one of the leaders of the church in Jerusalem

Saul/Paul

Misconception	Required for reconciliation	Who they became
(Acts 7:54-8:3; 9:1-2)	(Acts 9:3-16; 1 Cor 15:9-10; 9:1)	(Galatians 1:1; 2:6-9)
Saul believed the followers of Jesus were a threat to Judaism and believed them guilty of heresy punishable by imprisonment and even death. Did not believe Jesus was the Messiah	Had to actually encounter the risen Lord to understand he was the Messiah. Had to repent and seek forgiveness for the havoc he wreaked on the kingdom of God.	Became the Apostle to the Gentiles and wrote 2/3 of the New Testament

James

Misconception	Required for reconciliation	Who they became
(Mark 3:19-21; John 7:1-9)	(1 Cor 15:7; Here you will have to do a little bit of speculating or inferring from what we do know)	(Acts 12:1-17;15:1-21;Galatians 2:9)
Didn't believe Jesus was the Messiah, thought he was out of his mind	Personal visit proving Jesus is all that he said he was, had to confess his unbelief, and repent. Can you imagine the reconciliation between these two brothers and the restoration of such a personal relationship?	James became the leader of the Jerusalem church, one of its pillars and the 1 st Bishop of Jerusalem

Timeline of Events in Life of James

