

The Resurrected Jesus and the Forty Days

Acts 1:3 . . . appearing to them over a period of forty days . . .

		Resurrection Discovered	Resurrection Appearances			Totals
			Day 1	Days 2-39	Day 40	
	Matthew	28:1-8 (8 vs)	28:9-15 (7 vs)	28:16-20 (5 vs)		20 verses
	Mark	16:1-8 (8 vs)	16:9-14 (6 vs)		16:15-20 (6 vs)	20 verses
	Luke	24:1-12 (12 vs)	24:13-49 (37 vs)		24:50-53 (4 vs)	53 verses
	John	20:1-13 (13 vs)	20:11-25 (15 vs)	20:26-21:25 (31 vs)		59 verses
	Acts			1:3 (1 vs)	1:4-11 (8 vs)	9 verses
Total verses		41 verses	65 verses	37 verses	18 verses	161 verses
Percentages	26 %		40 %	23 %	11 %	
	66 %					

Observations:

- Nearly 66% concerns the day of resurrection alone
- More than 75% (77%) concerns the first day (resurrection) and last day (ascension)
- Two gospels say nothing at all about the intervening 38 days

1. Matthew 28:9-20 focuses on Galilee; includes commission (28:19-20).
2. Mark 16:9-20 includes commission (16:15), ascension and session (16:19).
3. Luke 24:12-52 focuses on Jerusalem and preparation for book of Acts; includes commission (24:46-48), Jesus' teaching ministry to them – both to a small group (24:27, 32), and the whole group (24:45), and ascension (24:50-51).
4. John 20:11-29; 21:1-25 includes commission (20:21), Jesus' teaching to the 10 (20:22-23), and to Peter (21:15-23).
5. Acts 1:3-11 includes Jesus' teaching ministry to all (1:3, 4-8), and ascension (1:9-11).