



ENCOUNTER WITH THE RISEN LORD

Bible Portions

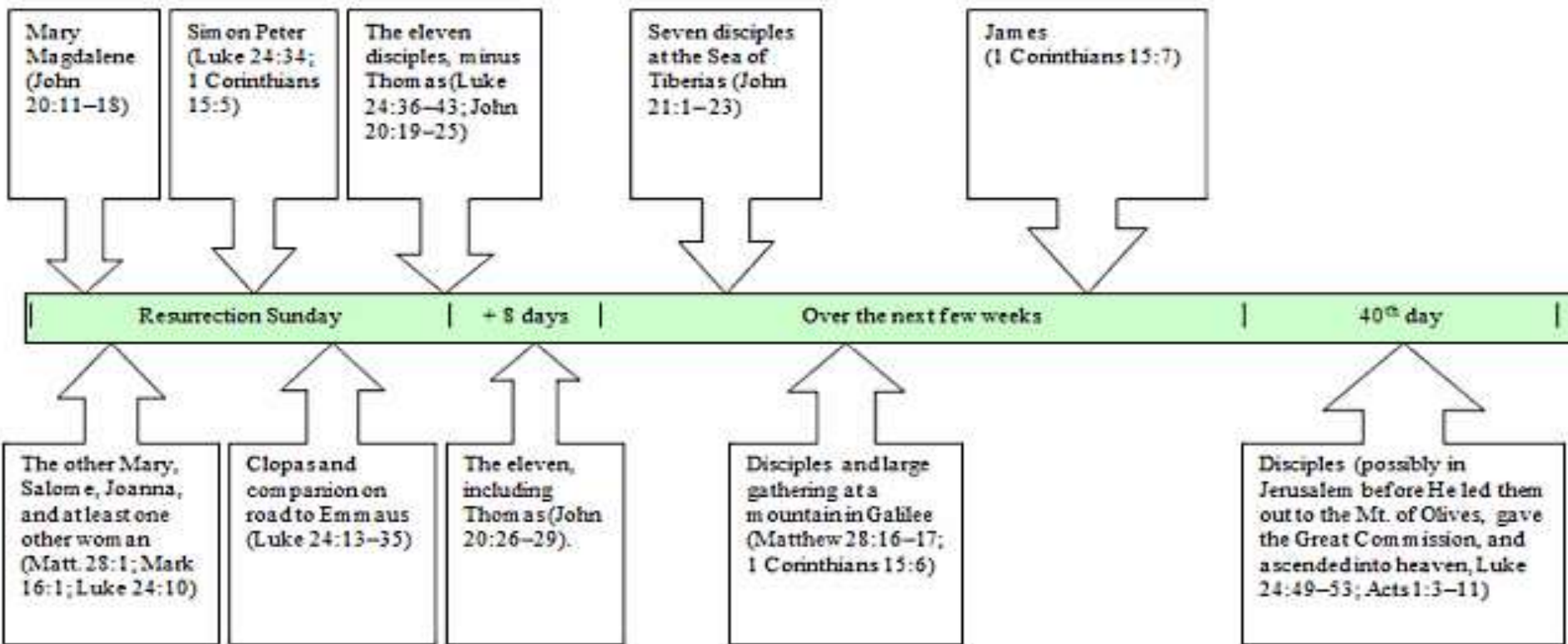
- Genesis 32:22-32
- Psalm 40
- Acts 9:1-18
- John 20:24-29

Key Verse

“Jesus came and stood among them
and said, “Peace be with you!” ”

- John 20:26

Timeline of the Post-Resurrection Appearances



Post – Resurrection Appearances

- 1. Mary Magdalene – John 20:11-18
- 2. Mary, Salome, Joana, ... – Matt 28:1, Mk 16:1, Lk 24:10
- 3. Simon Peter – Lk 24:34, 1 Cor 15:5
- 4. Cleopas & companion – Lk 24:13-35
- 5. Disciples (without Thomas) – Lk 24, Jn 20
- 6. Disciples (with Thomas) – Jn 20

1. Belief Beyond Signs

- Thomas: doubter (doubt with a purpose)
- Did not idolize his doubts, but expressed
- Doubting - way of responding, not way of life (one foot lifted)
- Friends' words did not change his mind
- Allowed Jesus to bring him belief

Utter Trust in God

(Air, Electricity, Food – Energy, Natural phenomena)

Belief (trust) beyond : rationale

, reasoning
questioning

2. Perseverance is Essential

- Jacob (Genesis 32)
- Strategic Management Principle (setting)
- In loneliness, Jacob wrestled
- Jacob wrestled till he was blessed
- Jacob – Israel ; Peniel – “face of God”



St. Monica & St. Augustine (Hippo)

A Saintly Mother who
persevered in Prayer for
more than 32 years for the
Reformation of her Son

“Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.”

— St. Augustine of Hippo
“The Confessions”

Pray with a Will

Pray fervently

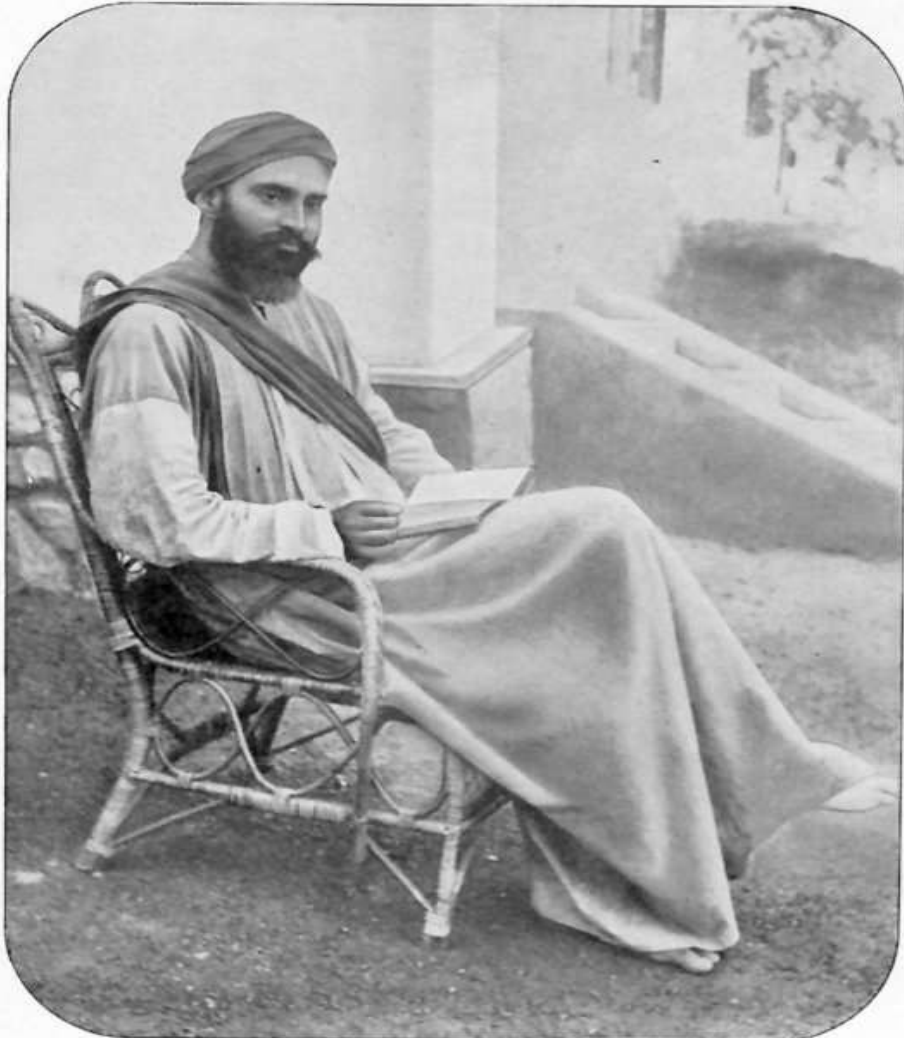
Pray with discipline

Pray with fasting

Pray for a certain no: of days with determination

3. Results in Conversion

- Paul (Acts 9)
- Breathed out murderous threat against disciples
 - approved Stephen's murder
- On his way to Damascus, Paul encountered the Lord
- Paul was converted for Lord's cause



Sadhu Sundar Singh (1889 – 1929)

An orthodox Sikh, who in search of a True God, got converted as a Christian Missionary who was zealous to proclaim the Gospel.

“Those who determine
not to put self to death
will never see the will of God fulfilled in their lives.”

– Sadhu Sunder Singh

New Decisions
Deliberate Analysis
Change of Mind (Mind to Change)
Will to Keep the Track



1. Encounter with the Risen Lord is Belief Beyond Signs
2. Perseverance is Essential for Encounter with the Risen Lord
3. Encounter with the Risen Lord Results in Conversion

PEACE

