



The Essential Element of His Appearances:

His Recorded Appearances: 1 Co. 15.1-8

The *gospel's essential* elements– “appearances included” (including appearance to Paul)

- *When did they start?

- *How many?

- *Why? Acts 1:3 –“to His apostles He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God

Features of Our New Bodies:

1. Ours Will Be “Like His” 1 Co. 15:35-54

Jesus--ours “like” His—not exactly the same, but similar in nature

2. We will Get Them When we “meet Him in the air” 1 Thess. 4: 13-17



The Resurrection Body's Abilities

In His new body we see the power of our future condition of existence now in the present

transportation

interpenetration

*levitation (language indicates
influenced by external source);
materialization, de-materialization;
eat/drink*

polymorphism: (see next section)

**Two appearances: Jesus' Body's
Polymorphism-- Mark 16:9-14**

Mary – first appearance Mark 16:9-11 (also John 20-14-18) .14—John: “She saw Jesus standing there, and she did not know that it was Jesus...supposing Him to be the gardener...””Mary -- .17—”stop clinging (do not hold on to) Me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father and yours, my God and yours.”

--Feast of the Firstfruits-- *High Priest's barley offering held up to God*

Second appearance-- Mark 16:12—Cleopas (Luke 24) and another disciple, on the road to Emmaus: “After that, He appeared *in a different form* (hetero/morphe) to two of them while they were walking along on their way to the country.”

Other Examples of Jesus in “different forms”

**In three gospels, Jesus walking on water—disciples did not recognize Him*

**John 21, resurrected Jesus appears to seven of His disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee—once again, they do not recognize Him*

Argument for God as Polymorphic: From the Lesser to the Greater

Angels: If angels can be polymorphic, why not God?

Heb. 1:13—angels are “spirit beings” but can take human form to serve God’s purposes

Heb.13:2—we can “entertain” strangers = entertaining angels unaware

Some Questions about our resurrection bodies:

- 1. Will we have all the capacities of Jesus' body? Phil. 3:21.** Our bodies will be transformed to become *like* His glorious body.
- 2. Will we look like ourselves?**
- 3. What age will we be?**
- 4. Same gender, same ethnic identity, same set of personality giftings?**

5. What will we do in our new bodies?

6. Will we be able to fly immediately?

7. Does the new body feel the same as the old one? John 20:27 – Jesus said to Thomas: “...reach here with your hand and put it *into* My side...”

And for now: Resurrection Life in Us Now: longer life, less sickness, more healing: Romans 8:11—“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He (who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life (zoë—heavenly life) to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”