

HEARTS THAT LOVE FULLY
How God Breaks Through When We Have an Open Heart
in Our Relationships
Based on the Love Chapter of the Bible – I Corinthians 13

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Life-Changing Lessons from the
Four Easter Appearances of Jesus
April 4, 2010

INTRODUCTION

In Your Bible:
John 20
(Page 1074 in the Pew Bible)

**I. CHRIST'S FIRST APPEARANCE WAS TO SHOW
HIS P _____**

John 20:10-18

Then the disciples went back to their homes, 11 but **MARY** stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Jesus is:
The C _____ Christ!

Luke 19:10
For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

II. CHRIST'S SECOND APPEARANCE WAS TO SHOW HIS P _____

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when **THE DISCIPLES** were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you!”** 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, **“Peace be with you!** As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.** 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Jesus Is:
The C _____ Christ!

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

III. CHRIST'S THIRD APPEARANCE WAS TO SHOW HIS P _____

John 20:24-29

24 Now **THOMAS**, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So **the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”** But he said to them, **“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”** 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” 28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus Is:
The C _____ Christ!

2 Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

IV. CHRIST'S FOURTH APPEARANCE WAS TO SHOW HIS P _____

John 20:30-31

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that **YOU** may **believe that Jesus is the Christ**, the Son of God, and that by believing **YOU** may **have life in his name**.

Jesus Is:
The C _____ Christ!

Colossians 3:4

When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

CONCLUSION