



After The Resurrection Firstfruits Offering

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Some Little Known Facts About Modern Versions of the Bible

Modern versions of the Bible come from the Greek text of the 1881 Revised Version of the Bible. The Greek text of the Revised Version was a completely new text that had never existed before. It was compiled by Westcott and Hort beginning in 1870 from many different ancient texts. Westcott and Hort were authorized by the Catholic Church to form a Revised Revision Committee to update the English of the King James Version of the Bible. Rather than using the accepted Greek text of the KJV, they decided to use the Alexandrian Text (also known as Minority Text or Critical Text). The Alexandrian Text is known by this name because it is believed to have originated in Alexandria Egypt. They used several different versions none of which agreed with one and other.

The Alexandrian Greek texts used by Westcott and Hort are often older than existing copies of the Received Text. Many experts believe these Alexandrian texts to have survived because they were not accepted and used by the Christian Church. On the other hand the Received Text was heavily used and copied and as a result the oldest manuscripts didn't survive. Today there are many people who have to replace their Bible because they wore it out. Now imagine hundreds or thousands of people using the same Bible, it just wouldn't survive.

The Letters of Westcott and Hort were published by their sons. They reveal them to be men of very questionable integrity. In fact, I wouldn't consider them Christians at all. Neither Westcott or Hort believed in the infallibility of scripture. The evidence suggest they believed they knew better than God.

Westcott said that he was a skeptic; he said his faith was weak; and he was plagued with "unbelief". Westcott also didn't believe the creation account in Genesis and said there was no literal heaven.

Hort rejected Jesus' blood atoned for our sins; he called it a "fictitious substitution." He scripture was "perverted" and it was his goal to correct those perversions. He also believed the New Age teaching that man is "divine." He also believed that his changes to scripture would change the Christian Church.¹

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¹ John Durr, *The True and The Corrupt Word of God*, 2006 & 2013, AmericasComingJudgment.com

After the Resurrection – Firstfruits Offering

According to Leviticus, each year during the week of Passover the Firstfruits offering is made to the Lord. This occurs after the first weekly Sabbath during the Passover week (see Leviticus 23:10-11). Michael Rood has traveled to Israel to celebrate the feasts for many years. He says the Firstfruits occurs just after sundown as it is getting dark. This coincides with the Firstfruits offering made by Jesus to the Father in heaven after his resurrection just after the sun was setting.

You are probably thinking wait – Jesus rose on Sunday morning. A Sunday morning resurrection is what the church has taught but his doesn't match up with scripture. A Sunday resurrection contradicts the very words of Jesus himself. He said he would be in the grave three days and three nights and rise on the third day.² The Gospel accounts describe a Sabbath (Saturday) resurrection in the original Greek with a crucifixion on Wednesday afternoon. See my Bible Study entitled: *The Resurrection Secret!*

As one reads the four accounts of the resurrection, Jesus is making several appearances to his followers. It is a little difficult to follow unless you put all the accounts together and compare and contrast them. Here are the accounts of Jesus appearances from the resurrection to Firstfruits and then his final ascension to heaven:

1. The original Greek in all four gospels record that Jesus rose from the dead early in the morning on “mia Sabbaton” which literally translate “one Sabbath”. (See my Bible Study: “The Myth of the Sunday Resurrection”)
2. Shortly after Jesus rose from the dead, many saints arose from their graves and appeared to many in Jerusalem. “And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” (Matthew 27:52-53) These saints would be Jesus' Firstfruits offering to the Father.
3. Jesus appeared to Mary and to the women. There are two different accounts from Matthew and John but they seem to be the same event with different details recorded because Mary Magdalene is in both accounts. “And when she [Mary Magdalene] had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.” (John 20:14) “And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.” (Matthew 28:9)
4. Jesus informed Mary that he had not yet ascended to his Father. So he had not yet made the Firstfruits offering. “Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father...” (John 20:17) Jesus also tells mary that he will be ascending to the Father but he doesn't say when and there is no record of him going to the father at this time. “...but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.” (John 20:17)
5. Jesus appeared to two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. “And, behold, two of them went that same day [Resurrection Day] to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them...” (Luke 24:13)

² Matthew 12:40; 20:19; 27:64 and Mark 9:31; 10:34 and Luke 18:33; 24:7; 24:46.

6. Jesus appeared to the Apostles, except for Thomas, as they were having their meal at evening. “Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week [Sabbath], when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.” (John 20:19 see also Mark 16:14; and Luke 24:33-36)
7. Jesus took his disciples outside and led them to Bethany. If the meal was at evening, it must have been after sundown by the time they reached Bethany which was about 2 miles from Jerusalem. In Bethany, Jesus ascended into heaven apparently just after sundown beginning the First Day of the Week which was Firstfruits. “And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. ” (Luke 24:50-51)
8. Eight days later the disciples were gathered and Thomas was with them and Jesus appeared again. “And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.” (John 20:26)
9. Jesus appeared to the disciples while they were fishing on the sea of Tiberias. John records that this was the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection so it had to be before he appeared in Galilee. “After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.... This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.” (John 21:1 & 14)
10. Jesus had advised his disciples to meet him in Galilee after his resurrection. He told them before he died and after he arose from the dead. (see Mark 14:28; Mark 16:7; and Mathew 28:7 & 10) Mathew records that the disciples went to Galilee as Jesus had instructed. “Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.” (Mathew 28:16-17) It is not clear when this happened but John records that when Jesus third appearance to his disciples was at the sea of Tiberias. So Jesus appearance in Galilee must have been the fourth appearance to his disciples. Clearly it was days after the resurrection because the Sea of Galilee is 70 miles from Jerusalem.
11. The disciples saw Jesus for the last time when he ascended to heaven from the Mount of Olives (Mount Olivet). “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.... Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.” (Acts 1:9,12)

As can be seen in the gospel record, Jesus made the Firstfruits offering early after sundown following the conclusion of Sabbath. This was in keeping with biblical schedule given in Leviticus 23. This additionally confirms a Sabbath resurrection as recorded in the original Greek. A resurrection on the first day of the week would have resulted in a Firstfruits offering on the second day of the week which would not have matched the biblical timetable.

Biblical References

Mathew

- **11** And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. (Leviticus 23:11)
- **50** Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. **51** And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; **52** And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, **53** And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. (Matthew 27:50-53) [These were the Firstfruits offering]
- **1** In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. **2** And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. **3** His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: **4** And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. **5** And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. **6** He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. **7** And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. **8** And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. **9** And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. **10** Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. (Matthew 28:5-10)
- **16** Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. **17** And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:16-20)

Mark

- It was 70 miles (123 KM) from Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee. It was at least a few days before they met him there.
- Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. [17](#) And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. [18](#) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. [19](#) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: [20](#) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:16-20)
- **28** But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. (Mark 14:28)

- **6** And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. **7** But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. (Mark 16:6-7)
- **14** Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. **15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:14-15)

Luke

- **13** And, behold, two of them went that same day [Resurrection Day] to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. **14** And they talked together of all these things which had happened. **15** And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them... **27** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. **28** And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. **29** But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. **30** And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. **31** And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. (Luke 24:13-15 & 27-31)
- **32** And they said one to another [the two disciples on the road to Emmaus], Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? **33** And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, **34** Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. **35** And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. **36** And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. **37** But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. **38** And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? **39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. **40** And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. **41** And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat **42** And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. **43** And he took it, and did eat before them. **44** And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. **45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** And ye are witnesses of these things. **49** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. **50** And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. **51** And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. **52** And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with

great joy: **53** And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. (Luke 24:32-53)

John

- **10** Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. **11** But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, **12** And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. **13** And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. **14** And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. **16** Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. **17** Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. **18** Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her. **19** Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. **20** And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. **21** Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. **22** And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: **23** Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. (John 20:10:23)
- **24** But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. **26** And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. **27** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. **28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. **29** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. **30** And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: **31** But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name (John 20:24-31)
- **1** After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. **2** There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. **3** Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. **4** But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was

Jesus. **5** Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. **6** And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. **7** Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. **8** And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. **9** As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. **10** Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. **11** Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. **12** Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. **13** Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. **14** This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead. **15** So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. **16** He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. **17** He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. **18** Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. **19** This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. **20** Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? **21** Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? **22** Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. **23** Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? **24** This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. **25** And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen. (John 21:1-25)

Acts

- **7** And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. **8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. **9** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. **10** And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; **11** Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go

into heaven. **12** Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. (Acts 1:7-10)