CHAPTER 137 Hundreds See Him Prior to Pentecost

(Matthew 28:16-20) However, the 11 disciples went to Gal'i·lee to the mountain where Jesus had arranged for them to meet. 17 When they saw him, they did obeisance, but some doubted. 18 Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying: "All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth. 19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things."

(Luke 24:50-52) Then he led them out as far as Beth'a·ny, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 As he was blessing them, he was parted from them and taken up to heaven. 52 And they did obeisance to him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

(Acts 1:1-12) The first account. The oph'i lus, I composed about all the things Jesus started to do and to teach 2 until the day that he was taken up, after he had given instructions through holy spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After he had suffered, he showed himself alive to them by many convincing proofs. He was seen by them throughout 40 days, and he was speaking about the Kingdom of God. 4 While he was meeting with them, he ordered them: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but keep waiting for what the Father has promised, about which you heard from me; 5 for John, indeed, baptized with water, but you will be baptized with holy spirit not many days after this." 6 So when they had assembled, they asked him: "Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?" 7 He said to them: "It does not belong to you to know the times or seasons that the Father has

placed in his own jurisdiction. 8 But you will receive power when the holy spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses of me in Jerusalem, in all Ju-de'a and Sa-mar'i-a, and to the most distant part of the earth." 9 After he had said these things, while they were looking on, he was lifted up and a cloud caught him up from their sight. 10 And as they were gazing into the sky while he was on his way, suddenly two men in white garments stood beside them 11 and said: "Men of Gal'i-lee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus who was taken up from you into the sky will come in the same manner as you have seen him going into the sky." 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from a mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, only a sabbath day's journey away.

(Acts 2:1-4) Now while the day of the Festival of Pentecost was in progress, they were all together at the same place. 2 Suddenly there was a noise from heaven, just like that of a rushing, stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed, and one came to rest on each one of them, 4 and they all became filled with holy spirit and started to speak in different languages, just as the spirit enabled them to speak.

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(Matthew 28:17) When they saw him, they did obeisance, but some doubted.

(1 Corinthians 15:6) After that he appeared to more than 500 brothers at one time, most of whom are still with us, though some have fallen asleep in death.

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(Matthew 28:18-20) Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying: "All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth. 19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of people of all

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the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things."

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(Acts 1:3) After he had suffered, he showed himself alive to them by many convincing proofs. He was seen by them throughout 40 days, and he was speaking about the Kingdom of God.

(1 Corinthians 15:7) After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

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(Acts 1:4, 5) While he was meeting with them, he ordered them: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but keep waiting for what the Father has promised, about which you heard from me; 5 for John, indeed, baptized with water, but you will be baptized with holy spirit not many days after this."

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(Luke 24:50) Then he led them out as far as Beth'a·ny, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

(Luke 22:16) for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

(Luke 22:18) for I tell you, from now on, I will not drink again from the product of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes."

(Luke 22:30) so that you may eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom, and sit on thrones to judge the 12 tribes of Israel.

(John 14:2, 3) In the house of my Father are many dwelling places. Otherwise, I would have told you, for I am going my way to prepare a place for you. 3 Also, if I go my way and

prepare a place for you, I will come again and will receive you home to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

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(Acts 1:6-8) So when they had assembled, they asked him: "Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?" 7 He said to them: "It does not belong to you to know the times or seasons that the Father has placed in his own jurisdiction. 8 But you will receive power when the holy spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses of me in Jerusalem, in all Ju·de'a and Sa·mar'i·a, and to the most distant part of the earth."

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- (1 Corinthians 15:44) It is sown a physical body; it is raised up a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual one.
- (1 Corinthians 15:50) But I tell you this, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit God's Kingdom, nor does corruption inherit incorruption.
- (1 Peter 3:18) For Christ died once for all time for sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, in order to lead you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

(Acts 1:10, 11) And as they were gazing into the sky while he was on his way, suddenly two men in white garments stood beside them 11 and said: "Men of Gal'i-lee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus who was taken up from you into the sky will come in the same manner as you have seen him going into the sky."

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(Acts 1:14) With one purpose all of these were persisting in prayer, together with some women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brothers.

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(Matthew 19:28) Jesus said to them: "Truly I say to you, in the re-creation, when the Son of man sits down on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will sit on 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel.	♦ What occurs at Pentecost 33 C.E.?
(Psalm 109:8) Let his days be few; His office of oversight let someone else take.	
(Proverbs 16:33) The lot is cast into the lap, But every decision by it is from Jehovah.	
(Acts 1:26) So they cast lots over them, and the lot fell to Mat·thi'as, and he was counted along with the 11 apostles.	
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(John 14:26) But the helper, the holy spirit, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you.	
♦♦ Who are present when Jesus gives instructions at a mountain in Galilee, and what does he say?	
♦♦ For how long after his resurrection does Jesus appear to his disciples, and what does he do?	
⇔ Given how he departs, in what manner is Jesus to return?	
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