

INFALLIBLE PROOFS

TEXT: Acts 1:1-3

1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,
3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Introduction: We have in our text a very unique word – ‘infallible.’ It means not liable to fail, go wrong; dependable.

Let me ask you a question. What is the convincing evidence to you as a person that Jesus Christ is alive, that He actually arose from the grave?

Most of us in the church in this Bible-belt have heard the great voice of Hovie Lister sing. Let me share a few of his words that share his testimony in song. “You may ask me how I know my Lord is real. You may doubt the things I say and doubt the way I feel. But I know its real today. He’ll always be. I can feel His hand in mine and that’s enough for me.”

He goes on singing: “I will never walk alone He holds my hand. He will guide each step I take...”

But what about you?

- I. He Presented Himself.
 - A. Mary Magdalene.

John 20:10 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!

B. Peter. This must have been a glorious moment.
1 Cor 15:5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the
Twelve.

C. Two on the road to Emmaus.
Mark 16:12 Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to
two of them while they were walking in the country.

D. The twelve Thomas is absent.

John 20:19 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.

E. The twelve Thomas present.

John 20:26 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."

F. Paul gives us his list.

1. Five hundred [500] believers.

1 Cor 15:6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

2. Jesus' brother James.

7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

3. Paul, himself on the road to Damascus.

8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

G. Do you believe their reports of His being alive?

II. Many Infallible Proofs.

Acts 1:3a “After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive...”

A. What were these convincing proofs?

1. He ate with them.

Acts 1:4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

2. He promised the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

3. The only other statement given.

John 21:25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

Conclusion: So where does that leave you? Do you believe the eyewitness accounts of His resurrection?

Like me you are left with what is described as ‘faith.’ This is the stuff the “JUST” live by! But there is something else that is revealed to us in one of these stories that bears our attention. It is the response of the two disciples Jesus met on the road and talked with.

Luke 24:30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

You may not be able to verify for some folks any evidence that Jesus is alive as far as they are concerned.

But as for me here is my list of infallible proofs!

I have received Amazing Grace!

I am Blessed.

I have received the Comforter.

I have been Delivered.

I have Eternal Life.

I know I have been Forgiven!

I have Grace abundant and free.

I have Hope

I have been Infilled from on High.

I have Joy.

I have a King who reigns over me.

I have a Lord of Glory.

I have Mercy and a Mansion that's been built just for me.

I have a New Name written down in glory

I have Overcoming power.

I have Peace and the Power of Pentecost.

I have been Quickened by His love and mercy.

I have Resurrection Power abiding in me.

I have Salvation.

I have Triumphed over all my enemies.

I have Understanding that opens the Word to me.

I have Victory.

I have the Wisdom of God and His Word to guide me.

I have 'Xtraordinary favor on my life.

I have the Zeal of the Lord working in and through me.