Northwest Bible Church – April 12, 2020 – Easter Worship Service – Alan Conner

**Acts 1:1-11**

*Why Believe in Christ’s Resurrection?*

Intro

**A. BECAUSE ALL OTHER EXPLANATIONS OF THE EMPTY TOMB FAIL.**

 1. Joseph of Arimathea did not move the body.

 2. The disciples did not steal the body.

 3. They didn’t go to the wrong tomb.

 4. Christ did not swoon and survive the cross.

**B. BECAUSE OF THE MANY RESURRECTION APPEARANCES OF CHRIST.**

 1. Mary. Jn. 20:10-18

 2. Other women. Mt. 28:9-10

 3. Peter (Lk. 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5).

 4. Two on the road to Emmaus. Lk. 24:13-35; Mk. 16:12-13

 5. The ten minus Thomas – Lk. 24:36-49; Jn. 20:19-25.

 6. The ten plus Thomas – Jn. 20:26-29.

 7. The seven disciples at the Sea of Galilee – Jn. 21:1-23 ;1 Cor. 15:7.

 8. The eleven at a mountain in Galilee - Mt. 28:16-20.

 9. “More than 500 at one time” – 1 Cor. 15:6

 10. James (Jesus’ half-brother) – 1 Cor. 15:7

 11. Disciples who saw Jesus ascension– Lk. 24:50-51; Acts 1:4-12.

 12. Paul - 1 Cor. 15:8; Acts 9:1-22.

**C. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRIST’S RESURRECTION**

 1. He is the way, the truth and the life. Jn. 14:6

 2. Our preaching and faith are not in vain. 1 Cor. 15:14

 3. We are not in our sins. 1 Cor. 15:17

 4. We have the hope of glory. 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 49-57. We will bear His image, Phil. 3:21; Rom. 8:29.

 This living hope is the source of great joy. 1 Pet. 1:3-10

Conclusion