

An Accordion Book of the Lord's Appearances

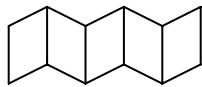
Illustrate several or all of the pages about the Lord's appearances after His resurrection. Then assemble these into an accordion book and display. Or use these illustrations on a poster or for a bulletin board display.

Materials:

a set of pages for each student
colored pencils, markers, gel pens, or crayons
tape (if making accordion book)

Procedure:

1. Illustrate the text on each page. Rather than trying to show the whole picture, you may want to focus on certain aspects of the story. For example, you could show the Lord breaking bread and not show the two men that He gives it to or you could show the Lord ascending into heaven but not show the watching disciples, or only show the backs of their heads.
2. Cut the pages as needed. Then fold the double pages along the line and tape them together to make an accordion book that can be put on display. (See the diagram below.)



Accordion Book

Variations: Cut apart the pages and let each person choose one to illustrate. Then assemble into an accordion book or use to make a bulletin board display.

Use this page to make a cover or title page for the Easter book.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid,
for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for He is risen, as He said" (Matt. 28:5-6).

And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" And they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him (Matthew 28:9).

Two of the Lord's followers were traveling to Emmaus. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. While they conversed, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But they did not know Him (see Luke 24:13-16).

And when they reached Emmaus, He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight (see Luke 24: 28-31).

That same day at evening, behind closed doors where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be with you." Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord (see John 20: 19-20).

But Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples said, "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails...I will not believe." And after eight days, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands. Do not be unbelieving but believing." Then Thomas said, "My Lord and My God" (see John 20:24-28).

Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, and two other disciples were fishing by the Sea of Tiberias. When the morning had come, Jesus stood on the shore, but they did not know that it was Him. After catching many fish, Peter said, "It is the Lord!" When they had come to land, they saw cooked fish and bread. And Jesus said, "Come and eat breakfast." And He took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish (see Matt. 28:16-18).

The eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain....
And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:16-18).

The Lord led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up to heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy (Luke 24:50-52).