

Acts 1:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Analysis

Jesus 'shewed himself alive' through 'many infallible proofs' (tekmeria, the strongest Greek word for evidence). The forty-day period of resurrection appearances established unshakeable apostolic testimony. Speaking of 'the kingdom of God' connected Jesus' teaching to Old Testament promises now fulfilled in His risen presence and coming reign.

Historical Context

Multiple resurrection appearances over forty days provided overwhelming evidence - to Mary, the disciples, over 500 at once (1 Corinthians 15:6), and others. This extended period transformed frightened disciples into bold witnesses who later died for their testimony.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What 'infallible proofs' of Christ's resurrection strengthen your faith?
2. How does the kingdom of God shape your understanding of Christ's current reign and future return?

Interlinear Text

οἵς	καὶ	παρέστησεν	ἐαυτὸν	ζῶντα	μετὰ	τὸ	παθεῖν
To whom	also	he shewed	himself	alive	after	G3588	passion
G3739	G2532	G3936	G1438	G2198	G3326		G3958
αὐτοῖς	ἐν	πολλοῖς	τεκμηρίοις	δι'	ἡμερῶν		
his	by	many	infallible proofs	G1223	days		
G846	G1722	G4183	G5039		G2250		
τεσσαράκοντα	όπτανόμενος	αὐτοῖς	καὶ	λέγων	τὰ		
forty	being seen	his	also	speaking	G3588		
G5062	G3700	G846	G2532	G3004			
περὶ	τῆς	βασιλείας	τοῦ	θεοῦ·			
of the things pertaining	G3588	to the kingdom	G3588	of God			
G4012		G932		G2316			

Additional Cross-References

Acts 13:31 (Parallel theme): And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

John 20:26 (Parallel theme): 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.

1 John 1:1 (Parallel theme): That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

John 21:14 (Parallel theme): This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

John 21:1 (Parallel theme): After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.

Matthew 28:9 (Parallel theme): 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.

Acts 28:31 (Kingdom): Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Colossians 1:13 (Kingdom): Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Romans 14:17 (Kingdom): For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 21:43 (Kingdom): Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.