

way the tears came trickling down his face, as he cried, "My Lord and my God;" his doubts were all gone. That was the sixth time.

The next occasion was when the apostles had "gone fishing," and, catching nothing, were accosted by the old, familiar voice on the shore. A great draught of fishes was then taken, and immediately John said to Peter, "That is the Lord," and impetuous Peter attempted to walk upon the water. Then it was Christ asked Peter three times that touching question, "Lovest thou Me?" and then it was He told John to "follow Him." Just so Christians were to follow, not John or any lesser leader, but "Him."

The next appearance, as near as could be found out, was to the five hundred disciples. After that He appeared to James; Paul says He appeared to James. Then, lastly, He appeared again to the eleven disciples. He took them out of Jerusalem down to the valley of Jehoshaphat, over the brook Kedron, and over the Mount of Olives, and came near Bethlehem, and there, perhaps, near the cluster of olive trees, paused with them. Only His disciples were with Him there. After His resurrection no uncircumcised eye saw Him on earth. A man must see Christ on the cross before he could see His resurrection. And there, the tenth time that He had been seen of men, He rose into Heaven, where He had told them it was expedient for them that He go and prepare a place for them. His hands were stretched out in blessing as higher and higher He rose, till at last a cloud received Him out of their sight, as, on tiptoe, they stood gazing into Heaven, and kept on gazing till the angelic announcement came that just so they should see this same Jesus come again from Heaven. Then the apostles went back to Jerusalem and preached with joy the Lord's resurrection.

Blessed, blessed doctrine of the resurrection! Preachers denied themselves great joy in not preaching it more. The apostles had no more favorite theme than "Christ, the risen, Christ at the right hand of God." Paul knew and gloried in the glorious resurrection as well he might, for even after the ascension, the Lord appeared to him, "as one born out of due time." So nowadays, let all Christians rejoice in a risen Lord ascended to the throne of power and me the Angels had proclaimed His birth, and the same angels, with louder notes, had proclaimed His resurrection. The song of yet bursted sepulchre would be sweeter than the song of the morning stars. In just a little while all His faithful children would join in His song, and be forever with their risen, ascended Lord in His second