



- (1) Jesus dies on cross, giving up his spirit (Mt. 27:50);
- (2) Immediately descended into Sheol and reunited many souls in Paradise with their former bodies now raised from the dead like Lazarus (Mt. 27:52,53) in partial fulfillment of Ps. 68:18;
- (3) The proclamation of Christ's victory over death and/or the good news to the captives in Paradise (1 Pet. 3:19f), half of the double-compartmented Sheol (cf Lk. 16:19-31);
- (4) Jesus appears to many and states that he must ascend before being touched (Jn. 20:17) and go to the Father;
- (5) Leads those in Paradise up to Heaven, completing the fulfillment of Ps. 68:18 (cf. 2 Cor. 12:4 where Paul is caught up to Paradise; it's no longer a compartment of Sheol!);
- (6) Jesus then appears to his disciples (Jn. 20:19) in a flesh and blood form able to be touched (Lk. 24:37-39, Jn. 20:27) and to eat (Lk. 37-43, Jn. 21:12) appearing over the next 40 days to over 500 brethren (1 Cor. 15:1-8);
- (7) Lastly, he ascends from the Mount of Olives in the sight of his disciples (Acts 1:4-11 the last point of which will be realized when Christ returns, splitting the Mount of Olives from East to West [Zec. 14:4,5]).