

Resurrection Sunday was a terrible day in the lives of the apostles; ten of them spent the larger part of the day in the upper chamber behind barred doors. They might have fled from Jerusalem, but they were afraid of being arrested by the agents of the Sanhedrin if they were found abroad. Thomas was brooding over his troubles alone at Bethpage. He would have fared better had he remained with his fellow apostles, and he would have aided them to direct their discussions along more helpful lines.

All day long John upheld the idea that Jesus had risen from the dead. He recounted no less than five different times when the Master had affirmed he would rise again and at least three times when he alluded to the third day. John's attitude had considerable influence on them, especially on his brother James and on Nathaniel. John would have influenced them more if he had not been the youngest member of the group.

Their isolation had much to do with their troubles. John Mark kept them in touch with developments about the temple and informed them as to the many rumors gaining headway in the city, but it did not occur to him to gather up news from the different groups of believers to whom Jesus had already appeared. That was the kind of service which had heretofore been rendered by the messengers of David, but they were all absent on their last assignment as heralds of the resurrection to those groups of believers who dwelt remote from Jerusalem. For the first time in all these years the apostles realized how much they had been dependent on David's messengers for their daily information regarding the affairs of the kingdom.

All this day Peter characteristically vacillated emotionally between faith and doubt concerning the Master's resurrection. Peter could not get away from the sight of the grave cloths resting there in the tomb as if the body of Jesus had just evaporated from within. "But," reasoned Peter, "if he has risen and can show himself to the women, why does he not show himself to us, his apostles?" Peter would grow sorrowful when he thought that maybe Jesus did not come to them on account of his presence among the apostles, because he had denied him that night in Annas's courtyard. And then would he cheer himself with the word brought by the women, "Go tell my apostles -- and Peter." But to derive encouragement from this message implied that he must believe that the women had really seen and heard the risen Master. Thus Peter alternated between faith and doubt throughout the whole day, until a little after eight o'clock, when he ventured out into the courtyard. Peter thought to remove himself from among the apostles so that he might not prevent Jesus' coming to them because of his denial of the Master.

Nedjelja uoči Isusovog uzašašća predstavlja užasan dan u životima apostola; desetorica provedoše najveći dio dana u gornjim odajama iza zatvorenih vrata. Premda su mogli izbjeći iz Jeruzalema, strahovali su od glasnika Velikog vijeća. Tomo je proveo dan u Betfagi jadikujući nad svojim problemima. Ne samo da bi mu bilo bolje da je ostao sa svojim prijateljima apostolima, već im je štoviše mogao pomoći usmjeravajući njihove razgovore na relevantnije teme.

Ivan je cijelog dana tvrdio da se Isus podigao od mrtvih. Podsjetio ih je na pet situacija kad je Učitelj tvrdio da će ustati od mrtvih i najmanje tri prilike kad je aludirao da će biti uznesen trećeg dana nakon smrti. Ivanov je stav ispoljio prilično bitan utjecan na okupljene, naročito na Natanijela i Isusovog brata Jakova. Ivan bi bio ispoljio više utjecaja na njih da nije bio najmlađi pripadnik apostolske grupe.

Izoliranost je uveliko pridonijela apostolskim problemima. Dok Ivan Marko bijaše taj koji je održavao kontakt s drugima vezano uz razvoj događaja u hramu i koji je donosio vijesti o mnogobrojnim glasinama koje su se širile gradom, on se ne sjeti prikupiti informacije od različitih vjerničkih grupa koje su već imale prilike vidjeti Isusa. Ovu su vrstu službe do sada obavljali Davidovi glasnici koji su ovom prilikom svi bili na sprovedbi svoje posljednje zadaće u ulozi glasnika uskrsnuća vjernicima koji su živjeli daleko od Jeruzalema. Po prvi put u svim ovim godinama apostoli spoznaše svoju ovisnost o Davidovim glasniciima vezano uz primitak dnevnih vijesti o poslovima kraljevstva.

Petar je ovom prilikom po običaju proveo cijeli dan mijenjajući raspoloženje između vjere i sumnje u Učiteljevo uskrsnuće. Petar se nije bio u stanju otrgnuti od sjećanja na pogrebne povoje koji su ležali u grobu stvarajući dojam da je Isusovo tijelo jednostavno isparilo. "Ali," govorio je Petar, "ako se on podigao i ako se mogu ukazati ženama, zašto se ne ukaže nama apostolima?" Petra je jako žalostila pomisao na mogućnost Isusovog izbjegavanja apostola zbog Petrove prisutnosti među njima, zato što ga se on odrekao one noći u Aninom vrtu. Ali slijedećeg bi ga trenutka oraspoložila pomisao na ono što je Isus poručio ženama, "Idite i recite mojim učenicima -- posebno Petru." Međutim, jedino se mogao radovati ovim riječima ako je prije svega vjerovao da su žene uistinu vidjele podignutog Učitelja. Petar tako proveo cijeli dan mijenjajući raspoloženje od nade do sumnje, sve do kratko poslije osam uveče kad siđe u dvorište kako bi oslobodio apostole svoje prisutnosti te im na taj način omogućio da vide Isusa, kako je on bio taj koji ga se ranije odrekao.

James Zebedee at first advocated that they all go to the tomb; he was strongly in favor of doing something to get to the bottom of the mystery. It was Nathaniel who prevented them from going out in public in response to James's urging, and he did this by reminding them of Jesus' warning against unduly jeopardizing their lives at this time. By noontime James had settled down with the others to watchful waiting. He said little; he was tremendously disappointed because Jesus did not appear to them, and he did not know of the Master's many appearances to other groups and individuals.

Andrew did much listening this day. He was exceedingly perplexed by the situation and had more than his share of doubts, but he at least enjoyed a certain sense of freedom from responsibility for the guidance of his fellow apostles. He was indeed grateful that the Master had released him from the burdens of leadership before they fell upon these distracting times.

More than once during the long and weary hours of this tragic day, the only sustaining influence of the group was the frequent contribution of Nathaniel's characteristic philosophic counsel. He was really the controlling influence among the ten throughout the entire day. Never once did he express himself concerning either belief or disbelief in the Master's resurrection. But as the day wore on, he became increasingly inclined toward believing that Jesus had fulfilled his promise to rise again.

Simon Zelotes was too much crushed to participate in the discussions. Most of the time he reclined on a couch in a corner of the room with his face to the wall; he did not speak half a dozen times throughout the whole day. His concept of the kingdom had crashed, and he could not discern that the Master's resurrection could materially change the situation. His disappointment was very personal and altogether too keen to be recovered from on short notice, even in the face of such a stupendous fact as the resurrection.

Strange to record, the usually inexpressive Philip did much talking throughout the afternoon of this day. During the forenoon he had little to say, but all afternoon he asked questions of the other apostles. Peter was often annoyed by Philip's questions, but the others took his inquiries good-naturedly. Philip was particularly desirous of knowing, provided Jesus had really risen from the grave, whether his body would bear the physical marks of the crucifixion.

Matthew was highly confused; he listened to the discussions of his fellows but spent most of the time turning over in his mind the problem of their future finances. Regardless of Jesus' supposed resurrection, Judas was gone, David had unceremoniously turned the funds over to him, and they were without an authoritative leader. Before Matthew got around to giving serious consideration to their arguments about the resurrection, he had already seen the Master face to face.

Jakov Zebedejev isprva predloži da svi odu do groba; čvrsto je vjerovao da su trebali učiniti nešto što bi vodilo k riješenju misterije. Nataniyel ih, međutim, spriječi u namjeri da se pokažu na javnom mjestu pozivajući se na Jakovljeve riječi utemeljene na Isusovom upozorenju da se u ovom času ne izlažu nepotrebnim opasnostima. Nešto prije podneva Jakov se skrasi s apostolima u tihom iščekivanju. Malo je govorio; bio je jako razočaran što im se Isus nije ukazao, premda nije bio upoznat s Isusovim mnogobrojnim ukazanjima drugim grupama vjernika kao i pojedinačnim osobama.

Andrija proveđe dosta vremena jednostavno slušajući tuđa mišljenja. Dok je bio sve više zbunjen razvojem događaja i mučen dubokim sumnjama, imao je snažan osjećaj slobode od odgovornosti za svoje prijatelje apostole. Bio je zahvalan što ga je Učitelj oslobodio od tereta odgovornosti prije nego što su ih snašla ova teška i nestabilna vremena.

Više puta tijekom dugih i teških sati ovog tragičnog dana, apostoli primiše jedini utješan podsticaj od par primjedbi Natanaelovog tipično filozofskog pogleda. On je uistinu bio kontrolni utjecaj među desetoricom tijekom cijelog dana. Natanael se niti jednom jedinom prilikom nije izjasnio bilo kao vjernik ili kao nevernik u Učiteljevo uskrsnuće. Ali kako je dan sve više promicao, bio je sve više sklon vjerovati da je Isus održao svoje obećanje da će ustati od mrtvih.

Šimun Revnitelj je bio suviše slomljen kako bi mogao sudjelovati u raspravama. Proveo je najveći dio dana ležeći na kauču u uglu sobe, licem okrenut prema zidu; progovorio je tek nekoliko puta tijekom cijelog dana. Nakon što je srušen njegov koncept kraljevstva, nije mogao vidjeti kako je Učiteljevo uskrsnuće moglo promijeniti situaciju. Njegovo je razočaranje bilo osobno i suviše duboko kako bi se od njega mogao oporaviti za ovako kratko vrijeme, unatoč veličanstvenom događaju činjenice uskrsnuća.

Premda može djelovati čudno, šutljivi je Filip bio jako govorljiv tijekom ovog poslijepodneva. Dok nije mnogo rekao za vrijeme prijepodneva, cijelo je poslijepodne postavljao pitanja apostolima. Premda je Petar više puta bio iritiran Filipovim pitanjima, drugi uzeše njegove upite prijateljski. Filip je prije svega želio znati da li je Isusovo tijelo, ako se prihvati činjenica da se podigao iz groba, nosilo fizička obilježja čavla kojima je bio prikovan za križ.

Matija je bio jako zbunjen; dok je slušao rasprave svojih prijatelja, uglavnom je premetao po glavi probleme njihove buduće financijske situacije. Neovisno o Isusovom navodnom uskrsnuću, Juda više nije bio s njima, David mu je neceremonijalno predao vreću s novcima, dok među sobom više nisu imali autoritativnog vođu. Prije nego što je Matija mogao posvetiti ozbiljniju pažnju razmišljanju o uskrsnuću, ugledao je Učitelja licem u lice.

The Alpheus twins took little part in these serious discussions; they were fairly busy with their customary ministrations. One of them expressed the attitude of both when he said, in reply to a question asked by Philip: "We do not understand about the resurrection, but our mother says she talked with the Master, and we believe her."

Thomas was in the midst of one of his typical spells of despairing depression. He slept a portion of the day and walked over the hills the rest of the time. He felt the urge to rejoin his fellow apostles, but the desire to be by himself was the stronger.

The Master put off the first morontia appearance to the apostles for a number of reasons. First, he wanted them to have time, after they heard of his resurrection, to think well over what he had told them about his death and resurrection when he was still with them in the flesh. The Master wanted Peter to wrestle through with some of his peculiar difficulties before he manifested himself to them all. In the second place, he desired that Thomas should be with them at the time of his first appearance. John Mark located Thomas at the home of Simon in Bethpage early this Sunday morning, bringing word to that effect to the apostles about eleven o'clock. Any time during this day Thomas would have gone back to them if Nathaniel or any two of the other apostles had gone for him. He really wanted to return, but having left as he did the evening before, he was too proud to go back of his own accord so soon. By the next day he was so depressed that it required almost a week for him to make up his mind to return. The apostles waited for him, and he waited for his brethren to seek him out and ask him to come back to them. Thomas thus remained away from his associates until the next Saturday evening, when, after darkness had come on, Peter and John went over to Bethpage and brought him back with them. And this is also the reason why they did not go at once to Galilee after Jesus first appeared to them; they would not go without Thomas.

1. THE APPEARANCE TO PETER

It was near half past eight o'clock this Sunday evening when Jesus appeared to Simon Peter in the garden of the Mark home. This was his eighth morontia manifestation. Peter had lived under a heavy burden of doubt and guilt ever since his denial of the Master. All day Saturday and this Sunday he had fought the fear that, perhaps, he was no longer an apostle. He had shuddered at the fate of Judas and even thought that he, too, had betrayed his Master. All this afternoon he thought that it might be his presence with the apostles that prevented Jesus' appearing to them, provided, of course, he had really risen from the dead. And it was to Peter, in such a frame of mind and in such a state of soul, that Jesus appeared as the dejected apostle strolled among the flowers and shrubs.

Alfejevi blizanci nisu ulazili u ove ozbiljne rasprave; bili su prilično zaokupljeni svojim redovitim službama. Jedan je govorio u ime obojice kad je odgovorio na Filipovo pitanje slijedećim riječima: "Mi ne razumijemo pitanje uskrsnuća, ali naša majka kaže da je razgovarala s Učiteljem i mi joj vjerujemo."

Tomo je ovom prilikom pao u jedan od svojih redovitih napada duboke depresije. Prospavao je dio dana, dok je proveo ostatak vremena u brdima. Dok je osjećao potrebu da bude sa svojim prijateljima apostolima, u njemu je prevladala potreba za samoćom.

Učitelj je odgađao svoje prvo morontija ukazanje apostolima iz više razloga. Kao prvo, želio im je pružiti vremena, nakon što čuju o njegovom uskrsnuću, da dobro porazmisle o svemu što im je rekao o svojoj smrti i o uskrsnuću dok je bio među njima. Učitelj je želio pružiti vremena Petru da se suoči sa svojim slabostima prije nego što se ukaže pred svim apostolima. Kao drugo, čekao je na Tomin povratak kako bi im se prvi put ukazao dok su bili na okupu. Ivan Marko je našao Tomu u Šimunovoj kući u Betfagi rano u nedjelju ujutro, o čemu je obavijestio apostole oko jedanaest naveče. U bilo koje doba dana ili noći Tomo bi se vratio k apostolima da su po njega poslali Natanaela ili bilo koju drugu dvojicu apostola. Dok se istinski želio vratiti, s obzirom na način na koji je otišao prethodne večeri, bio je suviše ponosan kako bi se sam tako brzo vratio. Slijedećeg je dana bio toliko potišten da mu je trebao cijeli tjedan kako bi se sam odlučio vratiti. Apostoli su čekali na njegov povratak, dok je on čekao na svoju braću da pošalju po njega. Tomo je tako ostao podalje od svoje braće sve do naredne subote uveče kad su po smrknuću Petar i Ivan otišli do Betfage kako bi ga pozvali da se vrati u apostolsku grupu. Ovo pored toga objašnjava zašto se smijesta nisu vratili u Galileju nakon što im se Isus prvo ukazao; nisu se htjeli vratiti bez Tome.

1. ISUS SE UKAZUJE PETRU

Bilo je to u pola devet u subotu uveče kad se Isus ukazao pred Šimunom Petrom u dvorištu obitelji Ivana Marka. Ovo je bilo njegovo osmo morontija ukazanje. Petar je posrtao pod teškim teretom sumnje i osjećaja krivnje od dana kad se odrekao Isusa. Proveo je cijelu subotu i nedjelju boreći se sa strahom da više nije bio apostol. Strahovao je od Judine sudbine, štoviše misleći da je i on izdao Učitelja. Cijelog je poslijepodneva mislio da im se Isus nije htio ukazati zbog njegove nazočnosti među apostolima ako je, naposljetku, bilo točno da se Isus podigao od mrtvih. Isus se ukazao Petru dok je ovaj bio u pomenutom stanju uma i duše, dok je snuždeni apostol šetao među cvjećem i drvećem u vrtu.

When Peter thought of the loving look of the Master as he passed by on Annas's porch, and as he turned over in his mind that wonderful message brought him early that morning by the women who came from the empty tomb, "Go tell my apostles -- and Peter" -- as he contemplated these tokens of mercy, his faith began to surmount his doubts, and he stood still, clenching his fists, while he spoke aloud: "I believe he has risen from the dead; I will go and tell my brethren." And as he said this, there suddenly appeared in front of him the form of a man, who spoke to him in familiar tones, saying: "Peter, the enemy desired to have you, but I would not give you up. I knew it was not from the heart that you disowned me; therefore I forgave you even before you asked; but now must you cease to think about yourself and the troubles of the hour while you prepare to carry the good news of the gospel to those who sit in darkness. No longer should you be concerned with what you may obtain from the kingdom but rather be exercised about what you can give to those who live in dire spiritual poverty. Gird yourself, Simon, for the battle of a new day, the struggle with spiritual darkness and the evil doubtings of the natural minds of men."

Peter and the morontia Jesus walked through the garden and talked of things past, present, and future for almost five minutes. Then the Master vanished from his gaze, saying, "Farewell, Peter, until I see you with your brethren."

For a moment, Peter was overcome by the realization that he had talked with the risen Master, and that he could be sure he was still an ambassador of the kingdom. He had just heard the glorified Master exhort him to go on preaching the gospel. And with all this welling up within his heart, he rushed to the upper chamber and into the presence of his fellow apostles, exclaiming in breathless excitement: "I have seen the Master; he was in the garden. I talked with him, and he has forgiven me."

Peter's declaration that he had seen Jesus in the garden made a profound impression upon his fellow apostles, and they were about ready to surrender their doubts when Andrew got up and warned them not to be too much influenced by his brother's report. Andrew intimated that Peter had seen things which were not real before. Although Andrew did not directly allude to the vision of the night on the Sea of Galilee wherein Peter claimed to have seen the Master coming to them walking on the water, he said enough to betray to all present that he had this incident in mind. Simon Peter was very much hurt by his brother's insinuations and immediately lapsed into crestfallen silence. The twins felt very sorry for Peter, and they both went over to express their sympathy and to say that they believed him and to reassert that their own mother had also seen the Master.

Dok je Petar mislio o Učiteljevom samilosnom pogledu dok je prolazio pored njega u Aninom dvorištu i o predivnoj poruci koju mu donesoše žene s praznog groba, "Idite i recite mojim učenicima-- posebno Petru" — dok je razmišljao o ovim znacima milosti, njegova vjera poče prevagivati nad njegovom sumnjom i dok je nepokretno stajao stisnutih šaka, glasno reče: "Vjerujem da se podigao od mrtvih; idem tako reći svojoj braći." I kako izgovori ove riječi, pred njim se ukaza obličje čovjeka koji mu se obrati prepoznatljivim glasom: "Petar, neprijatelj te htio privući na svoju stranu, ali ja te nisam puštao. Ja sam znao da me se nisi odrekao od srca; stoga sam ti oprostio prije nego što si tražio oprostjenje; ali sada moraš prestati misliti o sebi i o trenutnim problemima, dok se spremaš ponijeti Radosnu vijest evanđelja onima koji sjede u tami. Ne gubi vrijeme misleći o tome što želiš dobiti od kraljevstva, već nađi načina da se posvetiš onima koji žive u teškom duhovnom siromaštvu. Pripremi se, Šimune, za bitku novog dana, borbu protiv duhovne tame i protiv zlih sumnji čovjekovog prirodnog uma."

Petar je proveo skoro pet minuta šetajući po vrtu s morontija Isusom i govoreći o prošlim, sadašnjim i budućim pitanjima. Učitelj nakon toga iščeznu ispred njegovih očiju s riječima: "Zbogom, Petre, dok te ne vidim sa tvojom braćom."

Petar je na trenutak bio preplavljen spoznajom da je govorio s podignutim Učiteljem i da je poslije ovog razgovora mogao biti uvjeren da je još uvijek bio poslanik kraljevstva. Upravo je čuo riječi uzveličanog Učitelja koji mu je rekao da ide proglasiti kraljevstvo. I obuzet svim ovim uzavrelim emocijama, pohitio je do gornjih odaja bez daha i s velikim uzbuđenjem govoreći svojim prijateljima apostolima: "Vidio sam Učitelja; posjetio me u vrtu. Govorio sam s njim i on mi je oprostio."

Petrova je izjava o Učiteljevom ukazanju u vrtu ostavila snažan utisak na njegove prijatelje apostole koji su bili gotovo spremni odbaciti svoje sumnje, kad Andrija ustade i upozori ih da ne dopuste ovim riječima da ih se suviše dojmje. Andrija skrenu njihovu pažnju na to da je Petar već prije vidio stvari koje nisu bile stvarne. Premda Andrija nije izravno aludirao na Petrovu viziju te noći na Getsemanijskom jezeru kad je navodno vidio kako Učitelj hoda po vodi, njegove su riječi bile dovoljne da prizovu sjećanje na ovaj događaj. Šimun Petar bijaše duboko pogođen ovim riječima svoga brata i smjesta potonu u tvrdu šutnju. Blizanci osjeteše samilost prema Petru te mu odoše izraziti naklonost govoreći kako mu vjeruju da je vidio Učitelja i da ga je i njihova vlastita majka već vidjela.

2. FIRST APPEARANCE TO THE APOSTLES

Shortly after nine o'clock that evening, after the departure of Cleopas and Jacob, while the Alpheus twins comforted Peter, and while Nathaniel remonstrated with Andrew, and as the ten apostles were there assembled in the upper chamber with all the doors bolted for fear of arrest, the Master, in morontia form, suddenly appeared in the midst of them, saying: "Peace be upon you. Why are you so frightened when I appear, as though you had seen a spirit? Did I not tell you about these things when I was present with you in the flesh? Did I not say to you that the chief priests and the rulers would deliver me up to be killed, that one of your own number would betray me, and that on the third day I would rise? Wherefore all your doubtings and all this discussion about the reports of the women, Cleopas and Jacob, and even Peter? How long will you doubt my words and refuse to believe my promises? And now that you actually see me, will you believe? Even now one of you is absent. When you are gathered together once more, and after all of you know of a certainty that the Son of Man has risen from the grave, go hence into Galilee. Have faith in God; have faith in one another; and so shall you enter into the new service of the kingdom of heaven. I will tarry in Jerusalem with you until you are ready to go into Galilee. My peace I leave with you."

When the morontia Jesus had spoken to them, he vanished in an instant from their sight. And they all fell on their faces, praising God and venerating their vanished Master. This was the Master's ninth morontia appearance.

3. WITH THE MORONTIA CREATURES

The next day, Monday, was spent wholly with the morontia creatures then present on Urantia. As participants in the Master's morontia-transition experience, there had come to Urantia more than one million morontia directors and associates, together with transition mortals of various orders from the seven mansion worlds of Satania. The morontia Jesus sojourned with these splendid intelligences for forty days. He instructed them and learned from their directors the life of morontia transition as it is traversed by the mortals of the inhabited worlds of Satania as they pass through the system morontia spheres.

About midnight of this Monday the Master's morontia form was adjusted for transition to the second stage of morontia progression. When he next appeared to his mortal children on earth, it was as a second-stage morontia being. As the Master progressed in the morontia career, it became, technically, more and more difficult for the morontia intelligences and their transforming associates to visualize the Master to mortal and material eyes.

2. PRVO UKAZANJE APOSTOLIMA

Nedugo nakon tri poslije podne nakon odlaska Kleofe i Jakova, dok su Alfejevi blizanci tješili Petra i dok se Natanije raspravljao s Andrijom, dok su deseterica apostola bili okupljeni u gornjim odajama sa zasunom na zaključanim vratima radi straha od Židova, među njima se pojavi Učitelj u morontija obličju, govoreći: "Mir vama. Zašto ste tako puni straha kad se ukazah među vama, kao da ste vidjeli duha? Zar vam nisam govorio o ovim stvarima dok sam još bio među vama u tjelesnom obličju? Zar vam nisam rekao da će me glavni svećenici i vladari predati na smrt, da će me jedan od vas izdati i da ću trećeg dana uskrsnuti od mrtvih? Čemu stoga tolike sumnje i svi ovi razgovori o ženama, Kleofi i Jakovu, te o Petru? Koliko ćete još sumnjati u moje riječi i odbijati vjerovati u moja obećanja? I ovom prilikom kad me konačno vidite, da li vas to navodi na vjerovanje? I ovom je prilikom jedan od vas odsutan. Kad se ponovo svi okupite i nakon što svi budete uvjereni da se Sin Čovječji podigao iz groba, idete u Galileju. Vjerujte u Boga; vjerujte jedan u drugoga; i tako ćete ući u novu službu nebeskog kraljevstva. Ja ću se zadržati uz vas u Jeruzalemu dok ne budete spremni ići u Galileju. Svoj mir ostavljam među vama."

Nakon što im se morontija Isus ovako obrati, nestade ga ispred njihovih očiju. I svi padoše ničice hvaleći Boga i slaveći svog iščezlog Učitelja. Ovo je bilo Učiteljevo deveto morontija ukazanje.

3. S MORONTIJA BIĆIMA

Isus provede naredni dan, ponedjeljak, u društvu morontija osoba trenutno nazočnih na Urantiji. Kao sudionici Učiteljevog morontija-prijelaznog iskustva, na Urantiji je prebivalo više od milijun morontija upravitelja i njihovih suradnika, zajedno s prijelaznim smrtnicima iz različitih redova sedam mansonijjskih svjetova Satanije. Morontija Isus provede četrdeset dana u pratnji ovih izvanrednih inteligentnih bića. On je s njima dijelio iskustvo i od njih primao znanje o prijelaznom morontija životu smrtnih bića na naseljenim sjetovima Satanije prilikom njihovog putovanja planetarnim sustavom morontije.

Otprilike oko ponoći u ponedjeljak uveče, Učiteljevo je morontija obličje poprimilo oblik koji je pogodio drugom stadiju morontija napredovanja. Prilikom svog slijedećeg ukazanja pred svojom zemaljskom djecom, Isus je bio u drugom stadiju morontija života. Dok se Učitelj uspinjao morontija ljestvicom, njegovim je morontija prijateljima i njihovim transformativnim suradnicima bilo sve teže prikazati Učiteljevo obličje smrtnim i materijalnim očima.

Jesus made the transit to the third stage of morontia on Friday, April 14; to the fourth stage on Monday, the 17th; to the fifth stage on Saturday, the 22nd; to the sixth stage on Thursday, the 27th; to the seventh stage on Tuesday, May 2; to Jerusalem citizenship on Sunday, the 7th; and he entered the embrace of the Most Highs of Edentia on Sunday, the 14th.

In this manner did Michael of Nebadon complete his service of universe experience since he had already, in connection with his previous bestowals, experienced to the full the life of the ascendant mortals of time and space from the sojourn on the headquarters of the constellation even on to, and through, the service of the headquarters of the superuniverse. And it was by these very morontia experiences that the Creator Son of Nebadon really finished and acceptably terminated his seventh and final universe bestowal.

4. THE TENTH APPEARANCE (AT PHILADELPHIA)

The tenth morontia manifestation of Jesus to mortal recognition occurred a short time after eight o'clock on Tuesday, April 11, at Philadelphia, where he showed himself to Abner and Lazarus and some one hundred and fifty of their associates, including more than fifty of the evangelistic corps of the seventy. This appearance occurred just after the opening of a special meeting in the synagogue which had been called by Abner to discuss the crucifixion of Jesus and the more recent report of the resurrection which had been brought by David's messenger. Inasmuch as the resurrected Lazarus was now a member of this group of believers, it was not difficult for them to believe the report that Jesus had risen from the dead.

The meeting in the synagogue was just being opened by Abner and Lazarus, who were standing together in the pulpit, when the entire audience of believers saw the form of the Master appear suddenly. He stepped forward from where he had appeared between Abner and Lazarus, neither of whom had observed him, and saluting the company, said:

"Peace be upon you. You all know that we have one Father in heaven, and that there is but one gospel of the kingdom -- the good news of the gift of eternal life which men receive by faith. As you rejoice in your loyalty to the gospel, pray the Father of truth to shed abroad in your hearts a new and greater love for your brethren. You are to love all men as I have loved you; you are to serve all men as I have served you. With understanding sympathy and brotherly affection, fellowship all your brethren who are dedicated to the proclamation of the good news, whether they be Jew or gentile, Greek or Roman, Persian or Ethiopian. John proclaimed the kingdom in advance; you have preached the gospel in power; the Greeks already teach the good news; and I am soon to send forth the Spirit of Truth into the souls of all these, my brethren, who have so

Isus pređe na treći stadij morontije u petak, 14. travnja; na četvrti stadije 18. travnja u ponedjeljak; na peti u subotu 22. travanja, na šesti u četvrtak, 27. travanja; na sedmi u utorak 2. svibnja; u nedjelju 7. svibnja primi državljanstvo Jerusema; u nedjelju 14. svibnja stupi u naručje Svevišnjih Edentije.

Mihael iz Nebadona na ovaj način završava svoju službu kozmičkog iskustva kako do ovog časa kroz prijašnja utjelovljenja već posjeduje puno iskustvo života uzlaznih smrtnika vremena i prostora od prebivanja na glavnom centru zvijezda, do službe i kroz službu na glavnim centrima nadsvemira. I upravo kroz ova morontija iskustva nebadonski Sin Stvoritelj zabilja završava i prihvatljivo okončava svoje sedmo i završno kozmičko podarenje.

4. DESETO UKAZANJE (U FILADELFIJI)

Isusovo deseto morontija ukazanje pred smrtnim očima nastupi kratko nakon osam u utorak 11. travnja u Filadelfiji, gdje se ukazao Abneru i Lazaru kao i grupi koja se sastojala od njihovih otprilike stotinu i pedeset suradnika, uključujući i više od pedeset pripadnika evanđelskog zbora sedamdesetorice. Ovo se ukazanje odigralo sa samom otvaranju specijalne sjednice u sinagogi koju je Abner sazvao kako bi raspravio Isusovo raspeće kao i najnovije vijesti o uskrsnuću koje su upravo primili od određenog Davidovog glasnika. Zahvaljujući nazočnosti uskrsnutog Lazara u ovoj grupi vjernika, nije im bilo teško povjerovati u vijesti o Isusovom uskrsnuću.

Abner i Lazar upravo otvoriše sjednicu u sinagogi stojeći jedan pored drugog na propovjedaonici, kad okupljeni iznenada ugledaše Učitelja. On siđe s mjesta na kojem se isprva pojavio, između Abnera i Lazara koji ga i dalje nisu bili svjesni, te se obrati okupljenima govoreći:

"Mir vama. Znaite da svi imamo jednog Oca na nebu i samo jedno evanđelje kraljevstva – Radosnu vijest o daru vječnog života koji ljudi primaju pri dolasku na svijet. Dok budete nalazili radost u svojoj odanosti ovom kraljevstvu, molite se Ocu istine da otvori u vašim srcima novu i veću ljubav prema vašoj braći. Volite ljude onako kako sam ja volio vas; služite svim ljudima onako kako sam ja služio vama. Sa suosjećajnom naklonošću i bratskom ljubavlju, ponesite se kao braća prema svima koji se posvećuju promicanju Radosne vijesti, bilo da se radi o Židovima ili nežidovima, Grcima ili Rimljanima, Perzijcima ili Etiopljanima. Ivan je prvi najavio dolazak kraljevstva; vi ste proglasili evanđelje u moći; Grci već poučavaju Radosnu vijest; neće dugo proći prije nego pošaljem Duha Istine u duše svih ovih ljudi, moje braće, koji su

unselfishly dedicated their lives to the enlightenment of their fellows who sit in spiritual darkness. You are all the children of light; therefore stumble not into the misunderstanding entanglements of mortal suspicion and human intolerance. If you are ennobled, by the grace of faith, to love unbelievers, should you not also equally love those who are your fellow believers in the far-spreading household of faith? Remember, as you love one another, all men will know that you are my disciples.

"Go, then, into all the world proclaiming this gospel of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men to all nations and races and ever be wise in your choice of methods for presenting the good news to the different races and tribes of mankind. Freely you have received this gospel of the kingdom, and you will freely give the good news to all nations. Fear not the resistance of evil, for I am with you always, even to the end of the ages. And my peace I leave with you."

When he had said, "My peace I leave with you," he vanished from their sight. With the exception of one of his appearances in Galilee, where upward of five hundred believers saw him at one time, this group in Philadelphia embraced the largest number of mortals who saw him on any single occasion.

Early the next morning, even while the apostles tarried in Jerusalem awaiting the emotional recovery of Thomas, these believers at Philadelphia went forth proclaiming that Jesus of Nazareth had risen from the dead.

The next day, Wednesday, Jesus spent without interruption in the society of his morontia associates, and during the midafternoon hours he received visiting morontia delegates from the mansion worlds of every local system of inhabited spheres throughout the constellation of Norlatiadek. And they all rejoiced to know their Creator as one of their own order of universe intelligence.

5. SECOND APPEARANCE TO THE APOSTLES

Thomas spent a lonesome week alone with himself in the hills around about Olivet. During this time he saw only those at Simon's house and John Mark. It was about nine o'clock on Saturday, April 15, when the two apostles found him and took him back with them to their rendezvous at the Mark home. The next day Thomas listened to the telling of the stories of the Master's various appearances, but he steadfastly refused to believe. He maintained that Peter had enthused them into thinking they had seen the Master. Nathaniel reasoned with him, but it did no good. There was an emotional stubbornness associated with his customary doubtfulness, and this state of mind, coupled with his chagrin at having run away from them, conspired to create a situation of isolation which even Thomas himself did not fully understand. He had withdrawn from his fellows, he had gone his own way,

tako nesebično posvetiti život prosvjetljenju svojih bližnjih, zatočenika duhove tame. Vi ste svi djeca svjetla; nemojte stoga skrenuti s puta i zaplesti se u zablude smrtničkih sumnji i ljudske netrpeljivosti. Ako budete tako oplemenjeni milošću svoje vjere, da budete u stanju imati ljubavi prema nevjernicima, zar ne trebate jednako tako imati ljubavi prema onim svojim bližnjim vjernicima koji su ukućani doma vjere? Ne zaboravite, ako imadnete ljubavi jedan prema drugome, po tom će svi poznati da ste moji učenici.

"Idite po svem svijetu i propovijedajte ovo evanđelje Božjeg očinstva i bratstva ljudi svim narodima i rasama i imajte mudrosti pri izboru metoda kojima ćete predočiti Radosnu vijest različitim rasama i plemenima ljudskog roda. Badava ste primili ovo evanđelje kraljevstva, badava dajte Radosnu vijest svim nacijama. Neka vas ne obuzima strah kad nađete na otpor zla, jer ja sam uvijek s vama, do svršetka svijeta. Ostavljam vam mir, mir i to svoj, dajem vam."

Kad reče, "Mir i to svoj, dajem vam," nestade ga ispred njihovih očiju. S izuzetkom određenog ukazanja u Galileji, kad ga istvoremeno ugleda više od pet stotina vjernika, ova grupa u Filadelfiji obuhvaća najveći broj vjernika koji ga ikad imadoše priliku vidjeti prilikom jednog obraćanja.

Rano slijedećeg jutra dok su apostoli još bili u Jeruzalemu čekajući na Tomin emocionalni oporavak, ovi vjernici iz Filadelfije odoše proglasiti da se Isus iz Nazareta podigao od mrtvih.

Slijedećeg dana, u srijedu, Isus provede cijeli dan u društvu svojih morontija prijatelja, te tijekom prijedpodneva primi posjetu morontija delegata mansonijskih svjetova svih lokalnih sustava naseljenih planeta širom cijelog norlatiadeškog zvijezda. Svi su se radovali ovim posjetima, kako su na taj način imali priliku upoznati svog Stvoritelja kao pripadnika njihovog vlastitog reda kozmičke inteligencije.

5. DRUGO UKAZANJE APOSTOLIMA

Tomo je proveo osamljen tjedan dana u brdima Maslinske gore. Tu je jedino imao priliku vidjeti žitelje Šimunove kuće i Ivana Marka. Bilo je to oko devet u sobotu, 15. travnja, kad ga dvojica apostola nađoše i dovedoše natrag do svog sastajališta u domu Ivana Marka. Tomo provede cijeli naredni dan slušajući pripovjedi o Učiteljevima različitim ukazanjima, ali odlučno ne htjede povjerovati ovim vijestima. Držao je stav da je Petar bio taj koji je naveo apostole na vjerovanje da su vidjeli Učitelja. Natanije ga bezuspješno pokušao razuvjeriti. U Tominom je običaju sumnjičanja postojala određena mjera emocionalne tvrdoglavosti koja je u suradnji s osjećajem ozlojeđenosti zbog toga što ih je bio napustio, stvorila situaciju izoliranosti koju ni sam Tomo nije mogao u potpunosti shvatiti. On se prvo povukao u osamu od svojih bližnjih, otišao je svojim

and now, even when he was back among them, he unconsciously tended to assume an attitude of disagreement. He was slow to surrender; he disliked to give in. Without intending it, he really enjoyed the attention paid him; he derived unconscious satisfaction from the efforts of all his fellows to convince and convert him. He had missed them for a full week, and he obtained considerable pleasure from their persistent attentions.

They were having their evening meal a little after six o'clock, with Peter sitting on one side of Thomas and Nathaniel on the other, when the doubting apostle said: "I will not believe unless I see the Master with my own eyes and put my finger in the mark of the nails." As they thus sat at supper, and while the doors were securely shut and barred, the morontia Master suddenly appeared inside the curvature of the table and, standing directly in front of Thomas, said:

"Peace be upon you. For a full week have I tarried that I might appear again when you were all present to hear once more the commission to go into all the world and preach this gospel of the kingdom. Again I tell you: As the Father sent me into the world, so send I you. As I have revealed the Father, so shall you reveal the divine love, not merely with words, but in your daily living. I send you forth, not to love the souls of men, but rather to love men. You are not merely to proclaim the joys of heaven but also to exhibit in your daily experience these spirit realities of the divine life since you already have eternal life, as the gift of God, through faith. When you have faith, when power from on high, the Spirit of Truth, has come upon you, you will not hide your light here behind closed doors; you will make known the love and the mercy of God to all mankind. Through fear you now flee from the facts of a disagreeable experience, but when you shall have been baptized with the Spirit of Truth, you will bravely and joyously go forth to meet the new experiences of proclaiming the good news of eternal life in the kingdom of God. You may tarry here and in Galilee for a short season while you recover from the shock of the transition from the false security of the authority of traditionalism to the new order of the authority of facts, truth, and faith in the supreme realities of living experience. Your mission to the world is founded on the fact that I lived a God-revealing life among you; on the truth that you and all other men are the sons of God; and it shall consist in the life which you will live among men -- the actual and living experience of loving men and serving them, even as I have loved and served you. Let faith reveal your light to the world; let the revelation of truth open the eyes blinded by tradition; let your loving service effectually destroy the prejudice engendered by ignorance. By so drawing close to your fellow men in understanding sympathy and with unselfish devotion, you will lead them into a saving knowledge of the Father's love. The Jews have extolled goodness; the Greeks have exalted beauty; the Hindus preach devotion; the far-away ascetics teach reverence; the Romans demand loyalty; but I require of my

putem, dok je po povratku među apostole nesvjesno zauzeo poziciju neslaganja. Nije se znao brzo predati; nije volio popuštati. Premda toga nije bio svjestan, uživao je u pažnji koju su mu poklanjali; nesvjesno je osjećao zadovoljstvo u nastojanjima svoje braće da ga razuvjere i obrate. Nedostajali su mu cijelog tjedna i izvlačio je veliko zadovoljstvo iz njihove neprestane pažnje.

Objedovali su nešto poslije šest, dok je Petar sjedio s jedne a Tomo i Natanije s druge strane stola, kad sumnjičavi apostol reče: "Neću vjerovati dok ne vidim Učitelja svojim očima i ne stavim prst svoj u mjesto od čavla." I tako su sjedili za stolom i dok su vrata bila čvrsto zaključana i učvršćena zasunom, iznenada dođe morontija Isus i stade unutar konture stola neposredno ispred Tome, govoreći:

"Mir vama. Cijeli tjedan čekam kako bi vam se ponovo ukazao nakon što se svi okupite kako bih vas još jednom pozvao da idete po svem svijetu i propovijedate ovo evanđelje kraljevstva. Ponovo vam govorim: Kao što je mene poslao Otac, tako i ja šaljem vas. Kao što sam ja obznanio Oca, tako ćete i vi obznaniti božansku ljubav, ne samo riječima, već i u svom svakodnevnom životu. Šaljem vas, ne kako bi voljeli duše ljudi, nego kako bi voljeli ljude. Nemojte jedino proglašavati nebeske radosti, već pokažite u svojim svakodnevnim iskustvima ove stvarnosti duha božanskog života kako ste već primili večni život kao Božji dar putem svoje vjere. Ako imate vjeru, nakon što primite nebesku snagu -- Duha Istine -- nećete više kriti svoje svjetlo iza ovih zatvorenih vrata; idite objaviti ljubav i milost Boga cijelom čovječanstvu. Od straha trenutno pokušavate zatvoriti oči pred činjenicom da svi imate uzajamno različita iskustava, ali nakon što budete kršteni Duhom Istine, možete hrabro i radosno izaći u susret novim iskustvima proglašenja Radosne vijesti vječnog života u kraljevstvu Boga. Možete ostati ovdje i u Galileji kraće vrijeme dok se budete oporavljali od šoka izazvanog prijelazom od lažne sigurnosti autoriteta tradicionalizma u novi sustav autoriteta činjenica, istine i vjere u vrhovnim stvarnostima živućeg iskustva. Vaša misija koju sprovodite u korist svijeta počiva na temeljima činjenice mog života i obznanjenja Boga među vama; na temeljima činjenice da ste vi i svi ostali ljudi sinovi Boga; na temeljima života koji ćete živjeti među ljudima -- istinskog i živućeg iskustva ljubavi prema svakoj osobi i službe ljudima onako kako sam vas ja volio i kako sam vam služio. Neka vjera obznanjivati vaše svjetlo cijelom svijetu; neka otkrivenje istine otvori oči koje su postale zaslepljene tradicijom; svojom brižnom službom djelotvorno uništite predrasude utemeljene na neznanju. Nakon što se prvo približite svojim bližnjima u ovom suosjećajnom razumijevanju i nesebičnoj odanosti, povećate ih u spasenje poznavanja Očeve ljubavi. Židovi su uzvisili dobrotu; Grci su uzveličali ljepotu; Hindusi propovijedaju odanost; daleki asketi poučavaju bogoštovanje;

disciples life, even a life of loving service for your brothers in the flesh."

When the Master had so spoken, he looked down into the face of Thomas and said: "And you, Thomas, who said you would not believe unless you could see me and put your finger in the nail marks of my hands, have now beheld me and heard my words; and though you see no nail marks on my hands, since I am raised in the form that you also shall have when you depart from this world, what will you say to your brethren? You will acknowledge the truth, for already in your heart you had begun to believe even when you so stoutly asserted your unbelief. Your doubts, Thomas, always most stubbornly assert themselves just as they are about to crumble. Thomas, I bid you be not faithless but believing -- and I know you will believe, even with a whole heart."

When Thomas heard these words, he fell on his knees before the morontia Master and exclaimed, "I believe! My Lord and my Master!" Then said Jesus to Thomas: "You have believed, Thomas, because you have really seen and heard me. Blessed are those in the ages to come who will believe even though they have not seen with the eye of flesh nor heard with the mortal ear."

And then, as the Master's form moved over near the head of the table, he addressed them all, saying: "And now go all of you to Galilee, where I will presently appear to you." After he said this, he vanished from their sight.

The eleven apostles were now fully convinced that Jesus had risen from the dead, and very early the next morning, before the break of day, they started out for Galilee.

6. THE ALEXANDRIAN APPEARANCE

While the eleven apostles were on the way to Galilee, drawing near their journey's end, on Tuesday evening, April 18, at about half past eight o'clock, Jesus appeared to Rodan and some eighty other believers, in Alexandria. This was the Master's twelfth appearance in morontia form. Jesus appeared before these Greeks and Jews at the conclusion of the report of David's messenger regarding the crucifixion. This messenger, being the fifth in the Jerusalem-Alexandria relay of runners, had arrived in Alexandria late that afternoon, and when he had delivered his message to Rodan, it was decided to call the believers together to receive this tragic word from the messenger himself. At about eight o'clock, the messenger, Nathan of Busiris, came before this group and told them in detail all that had been told him by the preceding runner. Nathan ended his touching recital with these words: "But David, who sends us this word, reports that the Master, in foretelling his death, declared that he would rise again." Even as Nathan spoke, the morontia Master appeared there in full view of all. And when Nathan sat down, Jesus said:

Rimljani zahtijevaju odanost; ja tražim od mojih učenika život, život nesebične službe zemaljskoj braći."

Kad tako reče Učitelj pogleda naniže u Tomino lice govoreći: "A ti, Tomo, koji reče da nećeš vjerovati ako me ne vidiš i ne staviš prst u mjesto od čavla na mojim rukama, sad me vidiš i čuješ moje riječi; i premda ne vidiš znakove od čavla na mojim rukama, kako sam se podigao u obličju koje ćeš i sam poprimiti nakon što napustiš ovaj svijet, što ćeš reći svojoj braći? Proglasi istinu jer već u svom srcu znaš da si počeo vjerovati istog časa kad si tako tvrdoglavo proglasio svoju nevjeru. Tvoje se sumnje, Tomo, uvijek moraju tvrdoglavo afirmirati neposredno prije svoje kapitulacije. Tomo, molim te da ne živiš bez vjere nego da vjeruješ – i ja znam da ćeš vjerovati, i to od sveg srca."

Kad je Tomo čuo ove riječi, on pade ničice pred morontija Učitelja, uzvikujući, "Vjerujem! Moj Gospodine i moj Učitelju!" Isus tada reče Tomi: "Ti vjeruješ, Tomo, jer me zbilja vidiš i čuješ. Blago onima u budućim stoljećima koji će vjerovati, a da nisu vidjeli tjelesnim očima i čuli smrtničkim ušima."

Nakon ovih riječi, Učiteljevo obličje stade blizu vrha stola dok im se obraćao slijedećim riječima: "A sada, idite u Galileju gdje ću vam se ponovo ukazati." Kad to reče, on išeznu pred njihovim očima.

Jedanaestorica apostola su ovom prilikom bili potpuno uvjereni da se Isus podigao od mrtvih i vrlo rano slijedećeg jutra prije svanuća krenuše prema Galileji.

6. POJAVA U ALEKSANDRIJI

Dok su jedanaestorica apostola bili na putu prema Galileji, otprilike pred kraj njihovog putovanja u utorak 18. travnja oko pola devet uveče, Isus se ukazao pred Rodanom i nekih drugih osamdeset vjernika u Aleksandriji. Ovo je bilo Isusovo dvanaesto ukazanje u morontija obličju. Isus se pojavio pred ovim Grcima i Židovima po svršetku izvješća Davidovog glasnika koji donese vijesti o uskrснуću. Ovaj glasnik, peti po redu u lancu glasnika na liniji između Jeruzalema i Aleksandrije, stiže u Aleksandriju kasno ovog poslijepodneva i nakon što saopći vijesti Rodanu, odlučio sazvati vjernike kako bi im dali priliku da prime ove tragične vijesti od samog glasnika. Otprilike u osam sati, glasnik po imenu Natanije iz Busirisa, stade pred grupu vjernika i reče im o detaljima koje je primio od svog prethodnika u lancu glasnika. Natanije završi svoje dirljive vijesti slijedećim riječima: "Ali David, koji šalje ove vjesti, kaže da je Učitelj, najavljujući svoju smrt, rekao da će ponovo ustati." I kako je Natanije govorio, Učiteljevo se morontija obličje pojavi pred njima. Kad Natanije sjede, Isus reče:

"Peace be upon you. That which my Father sent me into the world to establish belongs not to a race, a nation, nor to a special group of teachers or preachers. This gospel of the kingdom belongs to both Jew and gentile, to rich and poor, to free and bond, to male and female, even to the little children. And you are all to proclaim this gospel of love and truth by the lives which you live in the flesh. You shall love one another with a new and startling affection, even as I have loved you. You will serve mankind with a new and amazing devotion, even as I have served you. And when men see you so love them, and when they behold how fervently you serve them, they will perceive that you have become faith-fellows of the kingdom of heaven, and they will follow after the Spirit of Truth which they see in your lives, to the finding of eternal salvation.

"As the Father sent me into this world, even so now send I you. You are all called to carry the good news to those who sit in darkness. This gospel of the kingdom belongs to all who believe it; it shall not be committed to the custody of mere priests. Soon will the Spirit of Truth come upon you, and he shall lead you into all truth. Go you, therefore, into all the world preaching this gospel, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the ages."

When the Master had so spoken, he vanished from their sight. All that night these believers remained there together recounting their experiences as kingdom believers and listening to the many words of Rodan and his associates. And they all believed that Jesus had risen from the dead. Imagine the surprise of David's herald of the resurrection, who arrived the second day after this, when they replied to his announcement, saying: "Yes, we know, for we have seen him. He appeared to us day before yesterday."

"Mir vama. To što me Otac posla da obavim na ovom svijetu ne pripada ni jednoj rasi, naciji ili naročitoj grupi učitelja ili propovjednika. Ovo evanđelje kraljevstva pripada Židovima i nežidovima, bogatim i siromašnim, slobodnjacima i služnjevima, muškarcima i ženama, čak i maloj djeci. I svi trebate proglasiti ovo evanđelje ljubavi i istine životima koje živite na zemlji. Imajte ljubavi jedan prema drugome s novim i svježim zanosom, kao što sam ja ljubio vas. Služite čovječanstvu s novom i predivnom odanošću, kao što sam vam ja služio. I kad ljudi vide koliko ih volite i kako im nesebično služite, znat ćete da ste postali sinovi po vjeri nebeskog kraljevstva i slijedit ćete za Duhom Istine koji će vidjeti u vašim životima, do pronalaska vječnog spasenja."

"Kao što je mene poslao Otac u ovaj svijet, tako i ja šaljem vas. Pozivam vas sviju da pronesete Radosnu vijest onima koji sjede u tami. Ovo evanđelje kraljevstva pripada svima koji u njega vjeruju; ono neće biti povjereno na isključivo čuvanje svećenicima. Uskoro će vam doći Duh Istine i on će vas uvesti u svu istinu. Idite, stoga, po svem svijetu i proglasite ovo evanđelje, a ja sam s vama u sve vrijeme do svršetka svijeta."

Kad tako reče, Učitelj iščeznu ispred njihovih očiju. Cijele noći ovi vjernici ostadoše prepričavati svoja iskustva kao vjernici kraljevstva i slušati mnoge pripovijedi Rodana i njegovih suradnika. Svi su bili sjedinjeni u vjerovanju da se Isus podigao od mrtvih. Zamislite iznenađenje Davidovog glasnika koji stiže nakon dva dana noseći vijesti o uskrснуću, kad oni odvratili na njegovu poruku riječima: "Znamo, mi smo ga vidjeli. Ukazao se pred nama prekjučer."