

Acts 1:3 (NIV)

After His suffering, He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:4 (NIV)

On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

Acts 1:5-6 (NIV)

For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”⁶ So when they met together, they asked Him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Acts 1:7 (NIV)

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

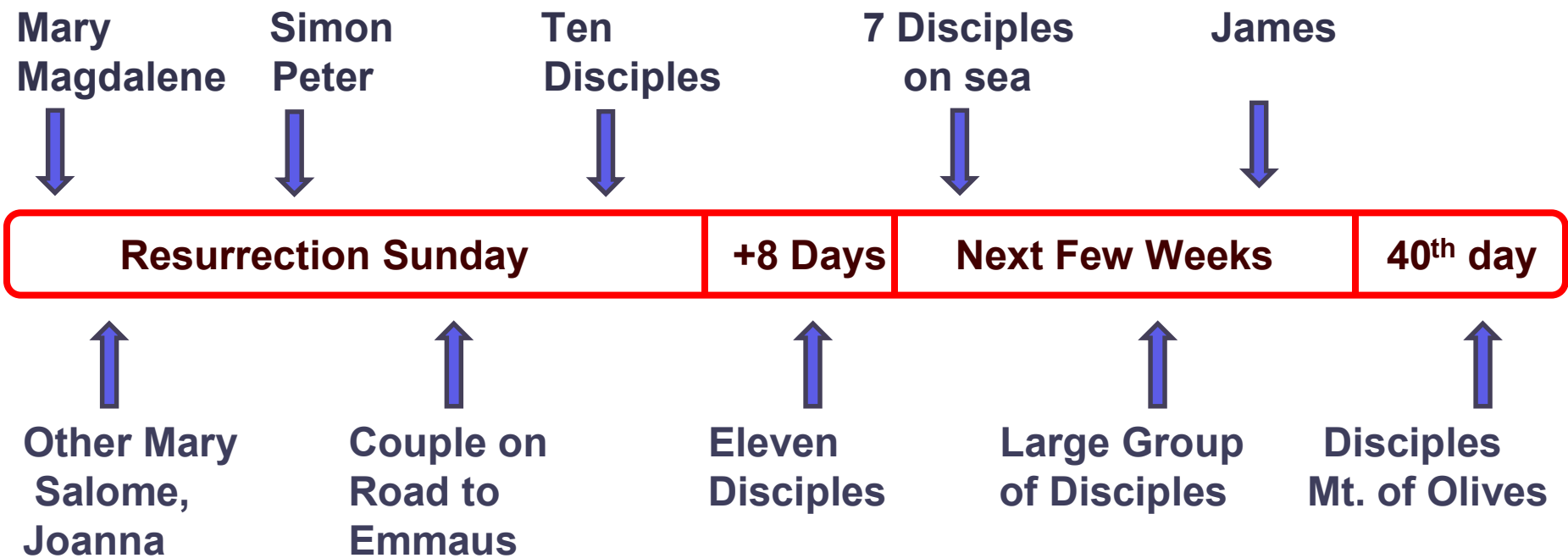
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

You FOLLOW Me

John 21:1-25

→ What is the hardest part of **asking someone**
to **Forgive you**?

→ What is the hardest part of **Forgiving someone**
who has **wronged you**?



Matthew 26:31 (NIV)

³¹ Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “ ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

Matthew 26:32–33 (NIV)

But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”³³ Peter replied, “**Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.**”

Matthew 26:34 (NIV)

³⁴ “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “**this very night**, before the rooster crows, **you will disown me three times.**”

Matthew 26:35 (NIV)

³⁵ But **Peter** declared, “**Even IF I have to die with you, I will NEVER disown you.**” And all the other disciples said the same.

→ Our Service for Jesus should **FLOW OUT**
of **KNOWING** and **LOVING** the Him

After Peter had Denied the Lord he...

- **RECOGNIZED** his actions as Sin
- **REPENTED** of his words and actions
- **RETURNED** to follow Jesus

It doesn't matter what you've done
It doesn't matter where you're coming from
Doesn't matter where you've been
Hear me tell you **I FORGIVE**

You're not **GUILTY** anymore
You're not **FILTHY** anymore
I love you, **MERCY** is Yours

You're not **BROKEN** anymore

You're not **CAPTIVE** anymore

I love you, **MERCY** is Yours

There is **ALWAYS** Forgiveness at the cross...

...and with **FORGIVENESS** there is

RESTORATION

Jesus calls us and tells us to **FOLLOW** Him...

- our path will **NEVER** Contradict the Bible
- our path may be completely **DIFFERENT**

The Disciples had to....

- Lay **DOWN** their own plans and ideas
- **ACCEPT** God's Plan
- **FOLLOW** Him

Lessons Along the Way...

- **OUR** plans are Not always **GOD'S** plans
- Shattered dreams are **ONE WAY** God Teaches us
TOTAL Dependence
- **WHERE** we serve is not as Important as **WHO** we serve
- **SERVING** is never substitute for **KNOWING** the Lord