

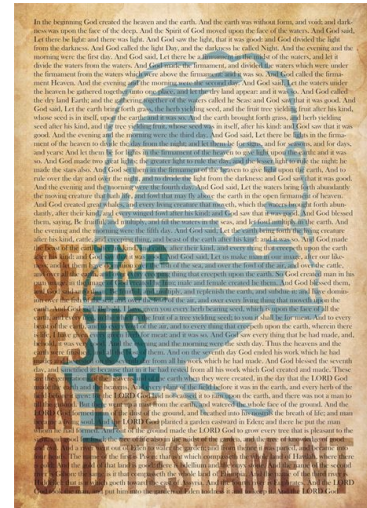


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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other special events to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God.



"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

Subscribe To "Christ In Every Word" Podcast

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Upcoming Events



Fall In-Depth Bible Studies

September 11 and 18 from 6:30-8:30pm

September 25, October 2, 9, 16 from 3:00-5:30pm

Friends of Concordia Room

Concordia University Wisconsin

\$20 per class, per person

FREE for CUW Students/Faculty/Staff

Bring a Bible and a Friend!

These In-Depth Bible Studies are wonderful opportunities to learn from university professors and special guest lecturers about important topics related to the Bible and the Christian faith. We pray that you would consider joining us for this Christ-centered instruction.

A Special One-Day Seminar

with Dr. Phillip Cary

"Luther and the Word of God"

Saturday, September 30, 2017

8:45am-3:15pm

Pharmacy Building PH008

Concordia University Wisconsin

\$40 per person

\$10 for CUW Students/Faculty/Staff



Come listen to Dr. Phil Cary, a renowned Luther scholar and popular Christian writer from Eastern University, in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Don't miss this rare opportunity!

For more information on any of our upcoming events, please visit our website
www.concordiabible.org

Read the Bible in a Year

Looking to add to your devotions this year? Or simply want to accomplish the goal of reading the Bible in a year? Follow along with the calendar below! A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Deut. 32:1-4 1 Samuel 28-31
2 Psalm 28 2 Samuel 1-3	3 Psalm 29 2 Samuel 4-6	4 Psalm 30 2 Samuel 7-9 Happy 4 th of July!	5 Psalm 31 2 Samuel 10-12	6 Psalm 32 2 Samuel 13-15	7 Psalm 33 2 Samuel 16-18	8 Psalm 34 2 Samuel 19-21
9 Psalm 35 2 Sam. 22-24	10 Psalm 36 1 Kings 1-2	11 Psalm 37 1 Kings 3-6	12 Psalm 38 1 Kings 7-8	13 Psalm 39 1 Kings 9-11	14 Psalm 40 1 Kings 12-14	15 Psalm 41 1 Kings 15-17
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30 Psalm 56 1 Chron. 21-25	31 Deut. 32:1-4 1 Chron. 26-29					

Website

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Podcasts

CBI offers thirty to forty-minute long podcasts on biblical passages and religious issues that you can listen to any time through the [CBI website](http://concordiabible.org).

Ask Dr. Saleska

To ask Dr. Saleska a question, please visit the ["Ask Dr. Saleska"](#) page on CBI's website and he will get back to you.

Question: *Why didn't Christ stay with his disciples continually after the resurrection?*

Answer: Scripture does not directly answer that question, so what follows is simply an attempt to use the information from Scripture that we do have during that 40-day period to help us understand what his reason might have been.

In John 20:17 Jesus says to Mary at the sepulcher after his resurrection: "touch me not" (stop clinging or holding on to me). Why would he say this unless he wanted her to realize that the former circumstances in which Christ went from city to city preaching the Good News and healing people, with his disciples and others following him, was finished, and that his mission on earth was accomplished. The disciples and others would need to be convinced that he was alive also. Perhaps this is one of the reasons he appeared only intermittently and not continuously in that 40-day period between his resurrection and his ascension.

He seems to be affirming that idea when he then says to Mary: "...go to my brethren and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father; and to my God and your God." Ascend is in the present tense. That might be called a "prophetic present." That is, Christ is speaking prophetically, looking at a future event as if it has already happened. This would instruct the disciples not to expect that former life to proceed as before. "The work his father had given him was finished" (John 17:4). He would in the near future leave them and ascend to his father.

The various appearances of the risen Christ, of course, were vital in that they established the reality of his resurrection. So he appeared at different times and under different circumstances: to Peter, to the twelve, to James and to others, and more than 500 on one occasion. This would necessitate his appearing and disappearing at a number of times and in a number of different places (i.e., the road to Emmaus, the upper room, the Sea of Galilee, etc.) rather than remaining with the disciples continually. Christ was well aware that his resurrection would be the one event in his life and ministry contested far beyond any other, consequently he ate fish and honey in their presence, offered them the possibility of touching him (Luke 24:39; 42-43, John 20:27) which I believe they did and that John is affirming when he writes, "that...which our hands have handled of the Word of life" (I John 1:1). In this way, there would be no doubt when in the very near future they would have to confess his resurrection in the face of death itself.

All of this would not only instruct the disciples that the relationship would no longer be physical as it had been, but spiritual, and would comfort them in the knowledge that he would still be with them. Actually, they could still "see" him in the word and he would, in a sense, even touch them in the holy supper for their continual comfort and assurance.

Contribute

If you find value in this e-Bulletin and other CBI offerings and would like to support our mutual desire to spread God's Word to wide audiences, please consider writing a check to Concordia University Wisconsin with CBI e-Bulletin and A913 on the memo line, or follow the link to contribute online: [Support Concordia Bible Institute](#).

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