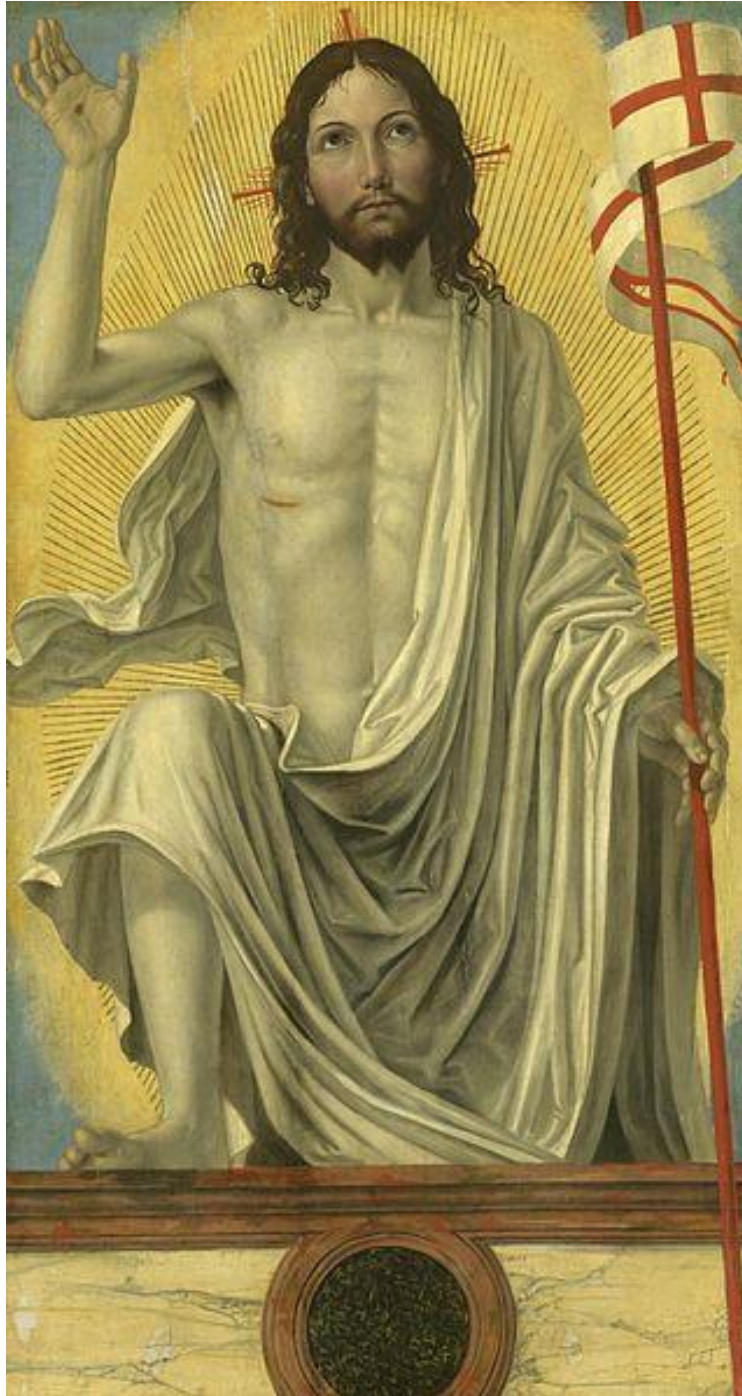


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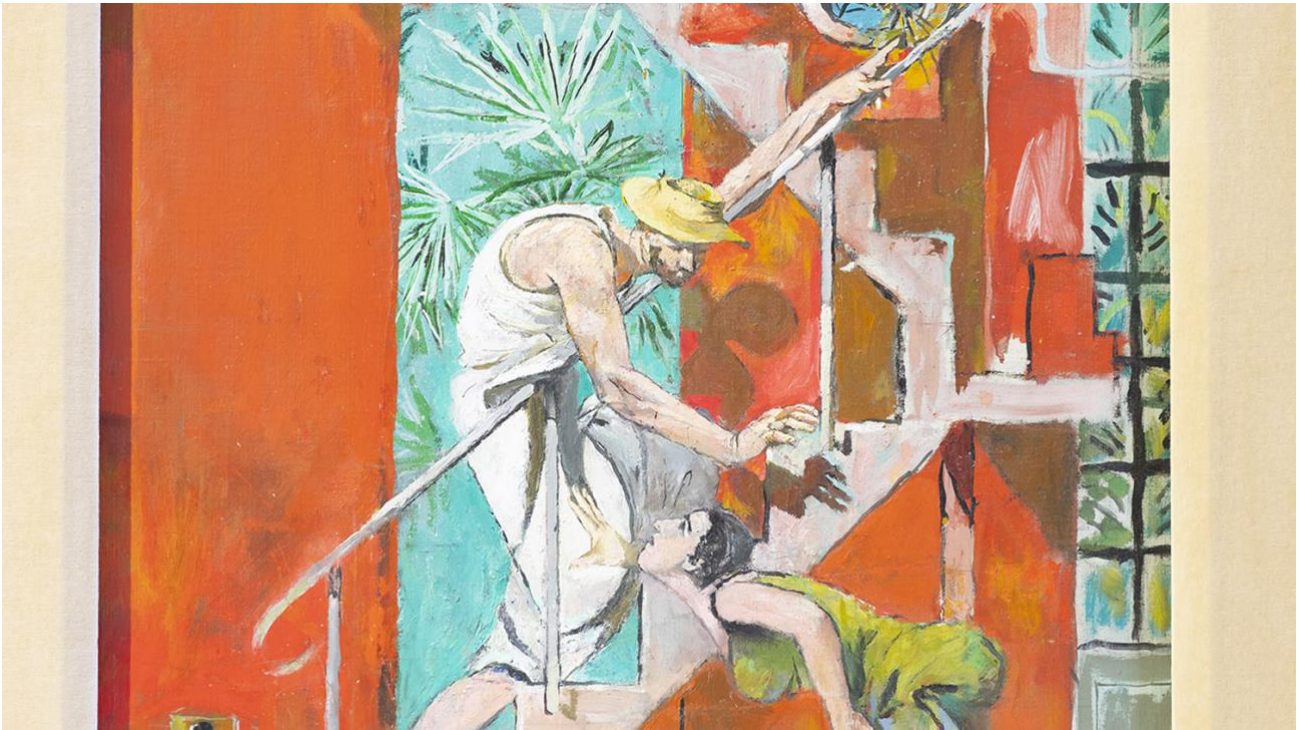
## The Risen Christ in Word and Image



*Christ risen from the tomb* – Ambrogio Bergognone  
(c.1460-1523) c.1490  
National Gallery of Art, Washington

## Resurrection 1: *I have seen the Lord!*

John 20.11-18



*Noli me tangere* - Graham Sutherland (1903-1980) 1961  
Chichester Cathedral

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'



She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni!’ (which means ‘Teacher’).<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, ‘Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’



<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: ‘I have seen the Lord!’ And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## Resurrection 2: *The Road to Emmaus*

Luke 24.13-35



*The road to Emmaus* – Robert Zund (1826-1909) 1877  
St Gallen Museum of Art

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognising him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, ‘What are you discussing together as you walk along?’

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, ‘Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’

<sup>19</sup> ‘What things?’ he asked.

‘About Jesus of Nazareth,’ they replied. ‘He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.’

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, ‘How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?’ <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.



*Supper at Emmaus* – Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571-1610) 1601  
National Gallery, London

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.



<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight.

<sup>32</sup> They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'



<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.



### Resurrection 3: *My Lord and My God!*

John 20.19-27



*The incredulity of St Thomas* – Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571-1610) 1602

Sanssouci, Potsdam

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

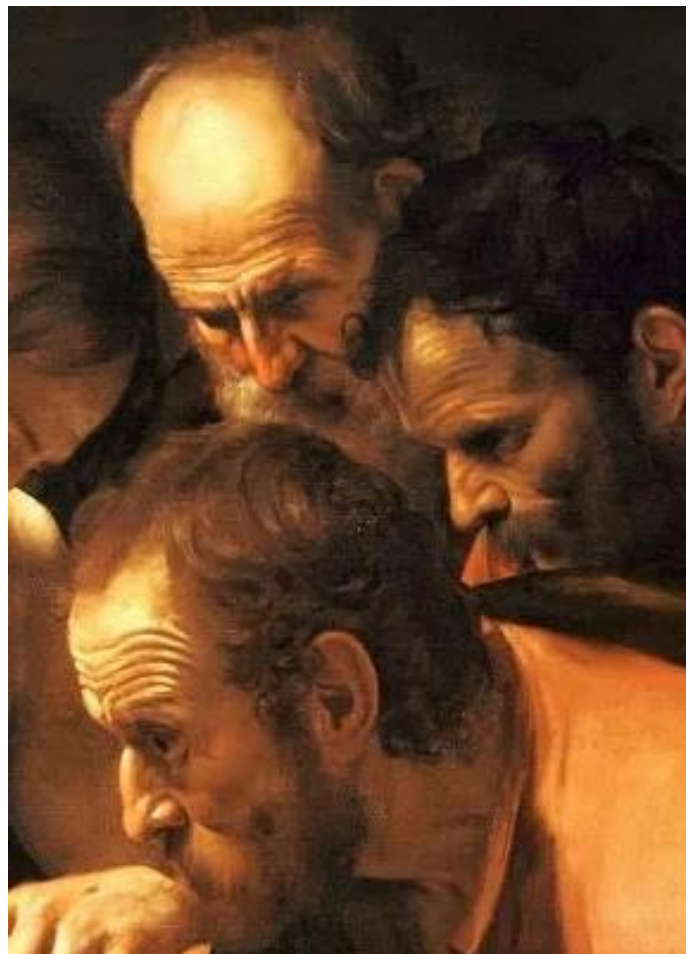
<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'



<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'





## Resurrection 4: *Gone Fishing*

John 21.1-14



*Jesus appears on the shore of the Sea of Galilee* – James Tissot (1836-1902) 1886-1894

New York, Brooklyn Museum

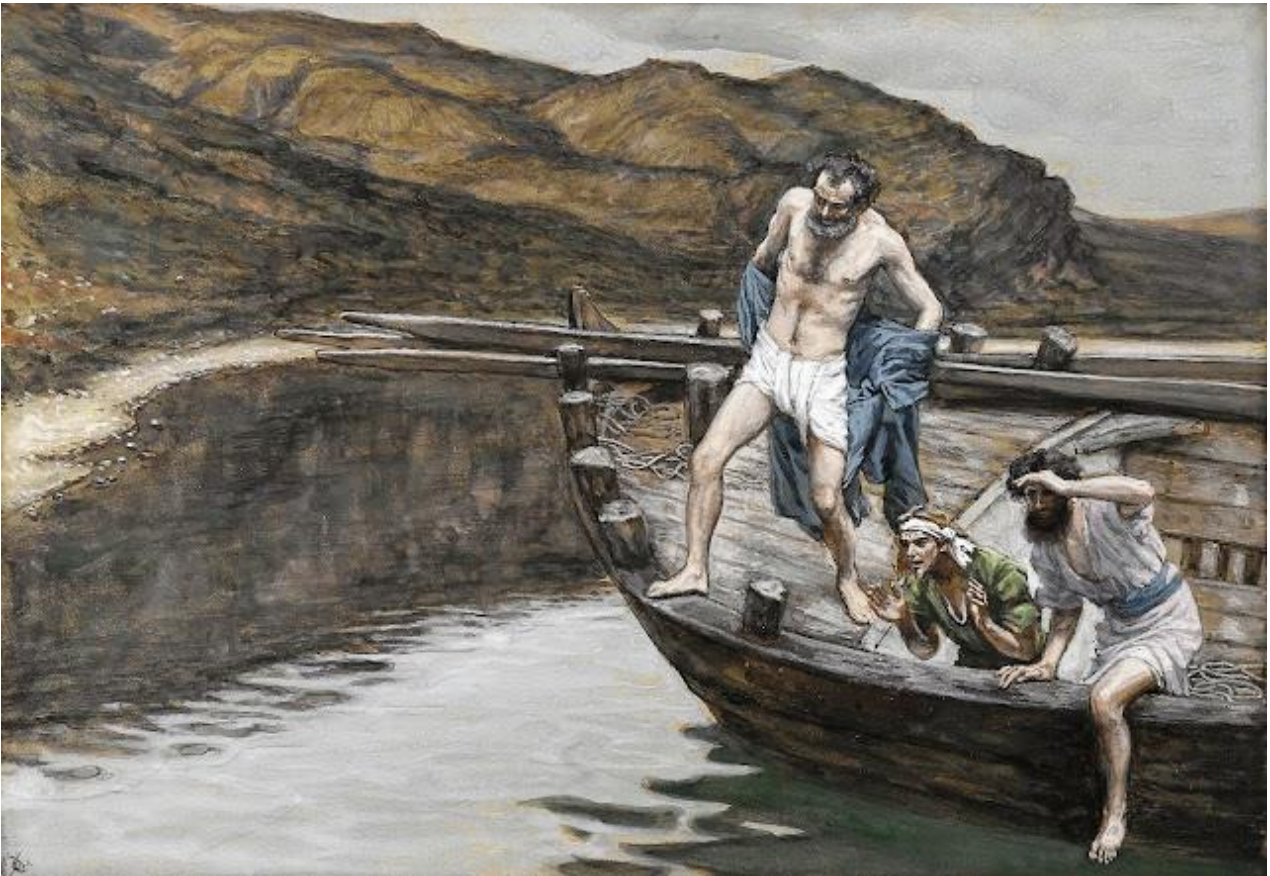
**21** Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>‘I’m going out to fish,’ Simon Peter told them, and they said, ‘We’ll go with you.’ So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>He called out to them, ‘Friends, haven’t you any fish?’

‘No,’ they answered.

<sup>6</sup>He said, ‘Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.’ When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.



*St Peter alerted by St John to the presence of the Lord casts himself into the water* – James Tissot (1836-1902) 1886-1904  
New York, Brooklyn Museum

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. <sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.



*Meal of our Lord and the apostles* – James Tissot (1836-1902) 1886-1904  
New York, Brooklyn Museum

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.'<sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Resurrection 5: *I am always with you*

Matthew 28.16-20



*Christ appearing to the apostles after the resurrection* – Szymon Czechowicz (1689-1775) 1758  
National Museum of Kraków

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

## Resurrection 6: *Taken up*

Acts 1.1-11



from De Brailes Hours – William de Brailes (active c.1230-c.1260) c.1240  
New York, Brooklyn Museum

**1** In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them 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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup> For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> 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.'



*Ascension icon*

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'



*The ascension of Christ* – Salvador Dali (1904-1989) 1958

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