



kingdom which is the  
supreme station and seat of the Sun of Truth.

"Tablets of Abdul-Baha Abbas", Vol. 1  
(Chicago: Bahá'í Publishing Society), p.  
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...Thou hast written concerning the meeting of His Highness Christ after the  
crucifixion and that  
some of the apostles perceived Him but did not recognize Him; but that they did  
recognize Him  
after the breaking of bread.

Know thou that the Messianic Spirit and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is  
always manifest,

but capacity and ability (to receive it) is more in some and less in others.

After the crucifixion

the apostles had not in the beginning the capacity and ability of witnessing  
the Messianic reality.

For they were agitated. But when they found firmness and steadfastness, their  
inner sight

became opened, and they saw the reality of the Messiah as manifest. For the  
body of Christ was

crucified and vanished, but the Spirit of Christ is always pouring upon the  
contingent world, and

is manifest before the insight of the people of assurance.

"Tablets of Abdul-Baha Abbas",  
Vol. 1 (Chicago: Bahá'í Publishing Society), p.  
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...The Cause of Christ was like a lifeless body; and when after three days the  
disciples became  
assured and steadfast, and began to serve the Cause of Christ, and resolved to  
spread the divine

teachings, putting His counsels into practice, and arising to serve Him, the  
Reality of Christ

became resplendent and His bounty appeared; His religion found life; His  
teachings and His

admonitions became evident and visible. In other words, the Cause of Christ was  
like a lifeless

body until the life and the bounty of the Holy Spirit surrounded it.

Such is the meaning of the resurrection of Christ, and this was a true  
resurrection....

"Some Answered Questions", rev. ed. (Wilmette: Bahá'í Publishing Trust,  
1984), p.

From letters written on behalf of the Guardian

We do not believe that there was a bodily resurrection after the Crucifixion of Christ, but that there was a time after His Ascension when His disciples perceived spiritually His true greatness and realized He was eternal in being. This is what has been reported symbolically in the New Testament and been misunderstood. His eating with His disciples after resurrection is the same thing.

9 October 1947 to an individual believer

The two Biblical verses you had enclosed for explanation on behalf of Dr. ...; the Guardian wishes you to explain to him that these passages are allegorical, and should not be taken literally. They indicate the reality of the presence of the Spirit of Christ and not His bodily resurrection....

14 August 1937 to an individual believer in response to a request for an explanation of the Biblical verses Luke 24:39 and John 20:24-29 for a person who was investigating the Teachings of the Faith.

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