

Luke 24.36-53

The End and the Beginning

Easter BUSY DAY for Jesus and His Followers

Began Early Morning Darkness > Women: Spices for Dead Body of Jesus

Stone Rolled – Tomb Empty – Soldiers Gone – Body Gone – Graveclothes

Afternoon: Jesus walked w 2 to Emmaus / v. 34 “He appeared to SIMON”

Easter NIGHT Apostles/Followers Meet try to FIGURE Out: What’s Up!?

Most UNUSUAL Day in History > Gruesome Death > Gloriously Alive

Lots of Back & Forth – Searching – Questioning > 2 from Emmaus come!

v. 33 “they...returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed...Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread”

Luke > HINGE to Acts: End (Jesus on Earth) Beginning (J - Heaven)

### 1. Jesus is With Us – Alive!

Only 1/3 of Americans believe BODY will be Resurrected

Many don’t Believe in ANY Kind of Life After Death > Annihilation

Some say is SOME life in a Spiritual Form > Soul goes Somewhere?!

Understandable: Nothing More Lifeless than Dead Body > Nobody Home!

Shocking > Uganda see Dead Bodies: See USA – Sanitized by Mortuary

Africa – Nobody to Call > Smells, Wrapping, Digging, Burying ON YOU!

NORMAL for All Nations for Most of Human History – Dead IS DEAD!

1 CRAZY DAY Not Enough to Change all Minds – Hope dances Reality

v. 37 “they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit”

v. 41 “while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling”

a. Jesus Speaks Peace 36 “Peace to you” - SHALOM – ALOHA!

v. 37 “they were startled and frightened” – NOT SURPRISING!

Doors were LOCKED – Feared they’d be ARRESTED? CRUCIFIED?

That Week: “My peace I leave w you, my peace I give to you” Jn 14.27

Zechariah/Father John Bapt “He will guide our feet to way of peace” 1.79  
 Christmas Night Angels “peace among those w/ whom he is pleased” 2.14  
 Those whom PLEASED?? THESE GUYS? Ran Away! Denied 3 Times?  
 COULD have Said Many Things! WHERE were U? WHY did you Run?  
 I am DISAPPOINTED w You! I REJECT You! I am DONE w You!  
 Theme Luke “Son of Man came to Seek & Save Lost!” Apostles/Zaccheus  
 Jesus NOT come to SPIKE their Blood Pressure > bring them PEACE  
 Promise of Gospel “since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our  
 Lord Jesus Christ” Romans 5.1

b. Jesus Shows Proof v. 36 “Jesus himself stood among them”

v. 38 “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

v. 37 “thought they saw a spirit” > Saw SOMETHING! Not SURE?

Was THIS Really Jesus or just Some WALKABOUT from HADES

Imagine IF Jesus Showed Up in YOUR Living Room – Doors Locked

“believing and unbelieving, startled and joyful all at once” M. Wilcock

v. 39 “See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not  
 have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

They would have Jumped OUT of their SKIN if Jesus said – BOO!

Gospel NOT GHOST Story: WAS Dead, NOW He is ALIVE Forever

v. 40 “when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet”

v. 48 “You are witnesses of these things” SEE, BELIEVE, PROCLAIM!

Same Jesus who SHARED Passover MEAL with them 4 Days Earlier

v. 41 “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and  
 ate before them” > EATING in HEAVEN!

Angels NOT Have Plumbing PIPES > No DIGESTIVE System, Not EAT

Resurrection BODY > Spiritual - No Material or Spatial Limitations

Do YOU Believe in Physical Resurrection of Jesus? Your OWN Resurr!?

John “that which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and  
 have touched with our own hands concerning the word of life” 1 John 1.1 >

HEARD the Word and TOUCHED the Word

Wounds are GLORIFIED > 29 X's in Revelation "Lamb that was Slain"

Lk1.4 "that U may have certainty concerning things you've been taught" FOOL Might DIE for a LIE > All 11 Apostles gave Lives: Jesus ALIVE!

"He presented himself alive to them after his sufferings by many proofs"

## 2. Jesus Sends Out Witnesses

a. Message of Scriptures v. 44 "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

RISEN Jesus Bible Teacher > Fulfills Word & Opens Word: 40 DAYS

Jesus' Easter Sermon SHOWS what they SHOULD HAVE Known

Thru ALL Hebrew Scripture > HE is Promised, Pointed To, Prophesied

NOT saying Everything in Every OT Passage is about JESUS

WEAK in FAITH? Are you Reading and Studying God's Word?

faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Romans 10.17

Risen Jesus NOT Stay FOREVER > HIS WORD Remains FOREVER

b. Meaning of His Suffering v. 45 he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures > "That the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem"

Get to CROSS and Put on Parking Brake > Most Important Truth we Have

WHO Died – WHY He Died – WHAT Accomplished – WHO FOR – Demand!

WHO Died? Christ Suffered & Died – Shocking to Jews: King Crucified?

WHY? 'forgiveness of sins' - *"there was no other good enough to pay the price of sin, He only could unlock the gate of heaven & let us in!"*

WHAT Death Accomplished – Justified/Sanctified/Glorified Fully in X

WHO For? Jew/Gentile "should be proclaimed in his name to all nations"

DEMAND Lk 13.5 "unless you Repent you will perish" Turn Around!

Basic Message of Bible: Jesus Died & Rose for Nations > Repent/Believe

c. **Might of the Spirit** 49 behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high”

NOT Matter how Intelligent Are > God must OPEN Mind to Know Him

Jesus EQUIPS Us to Fulfill His Commands > His Strength // SPIRIT

Holy Spirit brings POWER & PRESENCE of Jesus/ 2 or More, HE’s Here

HINGE to Luke Volume 2 – Jesus from Heaven – Acts of Apostles

29 X’s “witness” Seen Beauty & Love of Jesus and Tell Others about Him

Not Job to Win Argument: Tell World JESUS by LIVES AND LIPS

How DIFFERENT U will Be – Not Bitter, Joyful, Patient, Forgiving

GOAL on Job, School, Home, Community > LOVE Neighbor & GOD

Roman Historian Early Xtians: “Behold how they Love One Another!”

Mission is Clear > Preach the Scriptures in the Power of the Spirit

### 3. Jesus is Worshipped

a. **Jesus is God** v. 52 they *worshipped* him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Gospel BEGAN & ENDS in Temple – Ch 1 Call of Zechariah / PRIEST

END Jesus is High Priest – Once for All Sacrifice – TRUE Temple

Might Overlook word, SHOCK to Jewish Reader > 1<sup>st</sup> Comm No Other

v. 52 Carefully chosen Gk wd *proskyneo* – Worship OF GOD

Last Lines of Luke – Only Logical Conclusion – Worship Jesus = GOD

ISLAM has No Muhammedology / Buddhism No Buddhology

NT has CHRISTOLOGY > Study of Christ > Fully Man & Full God

b. **Jesus’ Gift – Blessing** v. 50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

Ascension: Visible Departure from Earth/ Triumphant Return Heaven

After 40 Days > INTO Cloud (Symbol God’s Glory) Finished Work Earth

Right Hand of God – Making Intercession – Upholding the Universe

MAN in Heaven – Incarnate Forever – Glorified Resurrection Body

We MARVEL when METEORITE – Stone or Metal – Falls from Space

Jesus X Physical Body like Ours > Eternal Residence in Highest Heaven

Clement of Alexandria “he was carried up into heaven so that he might share the Father’s throne even with flesh that was united to him”

Thomas Boston said when God’s People get to Heaven they will “see Jesus Christ, God and man, with their bodily eyes, as He will never lay aside the human nature. They will behold that glorious blessed body, which is personally united to the divine nature, and the exalted principalities and powers and every nature that is named. There we shall see, with our eyes, that very body which was born of Mary at Bethlehem, and crucified at Jerusalem between two thieves: the blessed head that was crowned with thorns; the face that was spat upon; the hands and feet that were nailed to the cross, all shining with inconceivable glory”

AS He Ascends says “God BLESS YOU my Friends”

THEME of Scripture > Creation – Blessing of God from Garden of Eden

Abraham – Blessed by God to BE a Blessing to All Nations

Blessing of God on HIS SON: Jesus brings the Blessing of Abe to Nations

Blessing NOT just MUMBO/JUMBO – Abracadabara from Heaven

Powerful Word from God WILL be Accomplished – IRREVOCABLE

Blind ISAAC gave Blessing to Deceitful JACOB – ESAU Not take Back

Jesus Guarantees Blessing of God > Died, Rose, Ascended, Sends Spirit

Do YOU KNOW the Jesus that Luke has been Writing About?

No Greater Gift could Give HIMSELF “I will not leave you as orphans”

Acts 1.5 “you will be baptized with the HS not many days from now”

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit” Gal 5.25

END w Long Quote from Favorite Commentary – Philip Ryken/Wheaton

“Anyone who does know Him needs to know Him for sure. Anyone who does know Jesus ought to worship him. Worship Jesus for his miraculous virgin birth – celebrated by angels and welcomed by shepherds. Worship Jesus for His perfect obedience to the Father, even when tempted by the Devil. Worship Jesus for His powerful miracles that cured the sick, healed the lame, fed the hungry, and raised the dead. Worship Him for his teaching – amazing parables and dramatic demands for discipleship. Worship Him for the love he showed in seeking all the lost and lonely – sinners like us, in all their spiritual need.

Worship Jesus most of all for his saving work – courageous sufferings, atoning death, triumphant resurrection, and glorious ascension. After we have seen Jesus rising to heaven and returning to the Father, there is nothing more to say, except, “Glory to God in the highest!” Philip Ryken

**Psalm 74** // O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture? // **Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.** // Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary! // **Your foes have roared in the midst of your meeting place; they set up their own signs for signs.** // They were like those who swing axes in a forest of trees. **And all its carved wood they broke down with hatchets and hammers.** They set your sanctuary on fire; they profaned the dwelling place of your name, bringing it down to the ground. // **They said to themselves, “We will utterly subdue them”; they burned all the meeting places of God in the land.** // We do not see our signs; there is no longer any prophet, and there is none among us who knows how long. // **How long, O God, is the foe to scoff? Is the enemy to revile your name forever?** // Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand? Take it from the fold of your garment and destroy them! // **Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.** // You divided the sea by your might; you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters. // **You crushed the heads of Leviathan; you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.** // You split open springs and brooks; you dried up ever-flowing streams. // **Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun.** // You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter. // **Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs, and a foolish people reviles your name.** // Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of your poor forever. // **Have regard for the covenant, for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence.** // Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame; let the poor and needy praise your name. // **Arise, O God, defend your cause; remember how the foolish scoff at you all the day!** // Do not forget the clamor of your foes, // **the uproar of those who rise against you, which goes up continually! Amen and Amen.**