

## Luke 24

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- I. 24:1-12 The Empty Tomb

- A. 24:6-8 The angels reminded them what Jesus had been saying all along.

- i. Luke records a few examples:

*Luke 9:22 (NKJV) saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."*

*Luke 9:44-45 (NKJV) "Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men." But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.*

*Luke 18:30-34 (NKJV) Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.*

- B. One of the greatest proofs of the resurrection of Jesus is that none of His followers expected it to happen.

- i. The women expected to find a dead body.

- ii. The disciples didn't believe the women when they told them what they found.

- II. 24:13-35 Jesus Appears to Two

- A. 24:13-27 On the Road to Emmaus

- i. 24:14 We can only imagine their emotion, their confusion.

- ii. 24:17-20 I love the way Jesus just plays along.

- iii. 24:25-26 Too often Jesus gets my attention with the same words, "O foolish one!" This word literally means, "without mind, without sense"

- a) Five of the six times this word is used in the NT it is used of believers.
  - In the OT the word “fool” usually describes someone with a moral deficiency.
  - In the NT this word is used more about someone who is imperceptive.
- b) Jesus points out their root problem: They are **slow of heart to believe**.
- c) Unbelief is more an issue **of the heart** than **of the head**. Once our hearts are open, our heads readily follow along.

iv. 24:27 Without question this was the best Bible study we all ever missed.

B. 24:28-31 Jesus Reveals Himself

- i. 24:30-31 *their eyes were opened* Someone has suggested that when Jesus gave them the bread, they saw the wounds on His hands – and then recognized Him. Maybe so.
  - a) *And He vanished* This tells us something about His resurrection body.

C. 24:32-35 Back to Jerusalem

- i. 24:32 No doubt these men had a special privilege – hearing a long teaching from Jesus on the Scriptures concerning Himself. But we have an advantage that we probably don't take seriously enough.

*John 14:25-26 (NKJV) “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

III. 24:36-43 Jesus Appears to the Group

- A. 24:36 If this is the same appearance that John records, it took place when the doors were locked:

*John 20:19-20 (NKJV) Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.*

- B. 24:39-40 *Handle Me and see* Compare this with the opening of 1 John.

*1 John 1:1 (NKJV) That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life...*

IV. 24:44-49 One Last Teaching

A. 4:46-47 Four Simple Facts:

- i. **Christ had to die and rise again.** It's the only way we could ever be redeemed.
- ii. **The message of repentance and remission of sins needs to be preached.** Evangelism is vital to the Gospel.
- iii. **It needs to be preached to all nations.** The concept of mission is vital to the concept of evangelism.
- iv. **The Holy Spirit's empowering is vital to both evangelism and missions.**

B. 4:49 *Behold I send the Promise of My Father* Jesus has a part in sending us the Holy Spirit. And there's still more than that:

*John 16:7 (NKJV) Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.*

V. 24:50-53 “See You Later, Jesus!”

Conclusion: Thoughts on the Resurrection Body:

- The resurrection body is a real body made of flesh and bones. (24:39)
- It is in some ways similar to this present body:
  - In the case of Jesus, He still bore the scars of the cross on His hands and His feet. (24:39)
  - He was able to eat the fish (24:41)
- Jesus was able to vanish from the sight of the disciples in Emmaus (24:31) and appear later to Simon (24:34) and to His followers in a locked room in Jerusalem. (John 20:19)

*1 John 3:2-3 (NKJV) Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

May the Lord encourage our hearts with this purifying hope.

*Luke 24:52-53 (NKJV) And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.*