

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 24:36-48

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WITH HEARTS ON FIRE

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

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Luke 24:36-48

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "**Peace** to you." :37 But they were **terrified** and **frightened**, and supposed they had seen a spirit. :38 And He said to them, "Why are you **troubled**? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? :39 **Behold** My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." :40 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. :41 But while they still did not believe **for joy**, and **marveled**, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" :42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. :43 And He took it and ate in their presence. :44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all** things must be fulfilled which were written in the **Law of Moses** and the **Prophets** and the **Psalms** concerning Me." :45 And He opened their understanding, that they might **comprehend the Scriptures**. :46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to **suffer** and to **rise from the dead** the third day, :47 and that **repentance** and **remission** of sins should be **preached** in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. :48 And you are **witnesses** of these things.

Some people go thru great expense and spend

much more effort to plan their funeral than they did their lives. The most famous death in all of human history was not the death of Michael Jackson, it wasn't princess Diana – it was Jesus Christ's.

Even though it was well documented in the scripture both before and after His death – it's His life that matters.

Likewise – your funeral won't matter. It's going to be the life you lived.

John 10:10

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

WITH HEARTS ON FIRE

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

1.) Faith and Reason come together

vs. 36-40

Faith

Faith is a human necessity and without faith, a man will eventually give up on life. As important as faith is, what's more important is the object of faith. What or whom are you placing your faith in.

Having faith in faith will only lead you to frustration. Faith in God and Christ will save you!

Reason

Our logic, our way of thinking is something that is created and developed throughout life. How do you think about what matters. From this you derive conclusions. Do you think correctly?

1a.) Reason alone cannot satisfy

vs. 36

Now *as they said these things*,

Jesus Himself **stood in the midst** of them, and said to them, "**Peace** to you."

Like the beginnings of a flood, several women return from the tomb, and they say that they saw angels and that the stone that covered the mouth of the tomb had been rolled away. Others said that there had been a lot of weird stuff going on near and around the tomb and now a rumor was afoot that the tomb was empty. Then Peter comes into the room and gives his report, then the two from Emmaus announce "we've seen Him' – we talked with Him!" and verse 36 says...

...Now *as they said these things*,

Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "**Peace** to you."

"a sudden appearing" (*instantaneously*)

clearly, the resurrected body

is no longer subject to the physical laws we know of here in this world.

Reason alone cannot satisfy

Psalm 14:1

The fool has said in his **heart**, "There is no God."

1 Corinthians 1:20

Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

FAITH AND REASON COME TOGETHER

1b.) Faith is not enough

vs. 37

But they were **terrified** and **frightened** and **supposed** they had seen a spirit. :38 And He said to them, "Why are you **troubled**? And why do **doubts** arise in your hearts?"

As far as I can tell, Christianity is the only faith on earth that has its eyes wide open. We have **no "leap of faith"** to make. We have **no "blind faith"** to embrace.

Our Faith is Founded Upon a Revealed Word from God and is Then – Substantiated by Fact.

Jesus Christ stood before them,

He was There with them. He was speaking to them.

2 Peter 1:16

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1c.) Faith and Reason must agree

vs. 39

Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see,

Ivor Powell writes.

"These witnesses were not invited to hold a sunbeam in their hands or caress some dreamy thought. Their risen Master stood before them – tangible, fleshy and more alive than ever!"

1 John 1:1-3

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 - :2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - :3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**the spiritual universe is all together
different than the one we live in – in this physical world.**

2 Corinthians 4:18

while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. :2 For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. :3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

**The cure for doubt appears to be a personal encounter
with Jesus Christ**

“For a spirit (spirit being) does not have **flesh and **bones** as you
see I have**

Leviticus 17:11

For **the life of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make **atonement for your souls**; for it is the blood that makes **atonement for the soul.**'

His blood was on the altar in heaven!!!

**(Jesus would have ascended to the altar in heaven and there performed His high
priestly duty for us)**

for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.” :40 When He had said this, **He showed them His hands and His feet.**

“Behold My hands and My feet”

Jesus warned that just before His return to earth, many imposters would come...

Matthew 24:5

Many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many.

**when a self-proclaimed messiah appears
saying,**

he’s the Christ, ask him to show you his hands
and feet.

WITH HEARTS ON FIRE

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

2.) Experience and Reality unite

vs. 41-45

Experience

Not all experiences are good ones. We can easily be deceived by what we think is a real or powerful experience, yet, experientialism must have something to judge it. To keep it real.

Reality

Reality is experience and truth in action. As Christians, truth drives our reality. Truth is unchanging and eternal. The greatest thing that you can do for yourself is to make sure that your life’s experience is founded upon truth.

2a.) Uniting heart and mind

vs. 41

But while they still did not believe **for** (*because*) **joy**, and **marveled** (*admiration*),

they are **overcome** by the **experience** – why?
because of the magnitude of the **reality**

“They are completely surprised” & “dumbfounded”

it’s like when we pray for someone to be healed and then we freak out because they
get healed” – *its ridiculously common!*

Verse 41-43

He said to them, "Have you any food here?" **:42** So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb (*fish taco*). **:43** And He took it and ate in their presence.

Why is This in the Bible?

Jesus Often revealed Himself while a meal or food was around.
I think that's excellent

Luke 24:30-31

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. **:31** Then their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

John 21:9-10

Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and **fish** laid on it, and **bread**. **:10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

Acts 10:41

"...but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

EXPERIENCE AND REALITY UNITE

2b.) Uniting the past and present

vs. 44

:44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all** things must be fulfilled which were written in the **Law of Moses** and the **Prophets** and the **Psalms** concerning Me."

I want you to pay close attention here.

If you listen carefully, you'll spare yourself a lot of grief.

The Bible is to be taken literally - not metaphorically

What's the most important doctrine in all the Bible?
(**Clue:** without it you have no Bible, no hope, no future)
it's the doctrine of eschatology or prophecy. – why?

Because the central teaching of prophecy is Jesus Christ.

Revelation 19:10

“...I am of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus Christ.
Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

And the first prophetic doctrine in the Bible was atonement / salvation.

Genesis 3:15

And the Lord said to Satan.

“I will put enmity (*warfare*) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (*Satan’s offspring*) and her **Seed**; (*the offspring*) He shall **bruise** (*fatally wound*) your **head**, and you shall **bruise** (*fatally wound*) His heel.”

John 12:27

In the shadow of the cross

“...what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’?
But for this purpose, I came to this hour.

This is a remarkable judgment by Jesus Christ about the Bible.

Jesus says – the Bible is dependable, reliable and factual,
(and here’s the kicker – Jesus Christ says that entire Bible is all about Him)

Verse 44

all things must be fulfilled which were written in (1) the Law of Moses and (2) the Prophets and (3) the Psalms - concerning Me.”

**JESUS DOESN’T LEAVE THEM TO JUST THEIR EXPERIENCE ALONE,
HE DEVELOPS THEIR REALITY SO THAT EXPERIENCE AND REALITY UNITE**

Didn’t I tell you about all this – yes

Didn’t you see Me die – yes

Didn’t the angels talk to you – yes

Wasn’t the tomb empty – yes

Well, all that’s fine & good ONLY considering what the scriptures say.

Judge everything against the Bible,

(The biggest critics of the Bible are those who haven’t read it.)

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you are disqualified.

Examine *peiračzw peirazo, pi-rad'-zo*; from 3984

to test yourself, qualify or try yourself. to scrutinize, to assay as in the proving of metals.

EXPERIENCE AND REALITY UNITE

2c.) Uniting experience and reality

vs. 45

And He opened their **understanding**, that they might **comprehend** the Scriptures.

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

The Biblical Reality of a Living Faith
(life experience – Jesus style)

picking up the Bible and going out and doing it

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WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

3.) Fact and Mission result

vs. 46-48

Fact

Facts don't go away; they must be ignored or rejected but it will be a great price. It's always better to agree with the facts.

Mission

What is your life's mission? Jesus Christ is mine and I hope He is yours as well. There is no greater mission in life than to know Jesus Christ.

Knowing Him becomes my mission, my journey and pilgrimage.

3a.) Results in our life's foundation

vs. 46

:46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus, it was necessary for the Christ to **suffer** *and* to **rise from the dead** the third day,

this insight “requires” it, “demands” a full read of the Old Testament

John 5:36-40

But I have a greater witness than John’s; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. :37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. :38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. :39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. :40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

3b.) Results in our life’s purpose vs. 47

and that **repentance and remission** of sins should be **preached** in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

repentance

metañnoia metanoia, *met-an´-oy-ah*; from 3340; (subjectively) compunction (for guilt, including reformation); by implication, reversal (of (another’s) decision): — repentance.

remission

a#fesiß aphasis, *af´-es-is*; from 863; freedom; (figuratively) pardon: — deliverance, forgiveness, liberty, remission.

preached

khru/ssw kerusso, *kay-roos´-so*; of uncertain affinity; to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel): — preacher(-er), proclaim, publish.

3c.) Results in our life’s message vs. 48

And you are witnesses of these things. (*To study the evidence*)

witnesses

ma#rtuß martus, *mar´-toos*; of uncertain affinity; a witness in a judicial sense. To testify, to get testimony, to “martyr” one’s self. To bear record of the facts, to present the evidence and to explain your experience as it relates to reality!

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a **living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your **reasonable service**.

reasonable
logiko/β log-i-kos, log-ik-os´;
logical, plausible, coherent, rational,

service
latrei÷a latreia, lat-ri´-ah;
true, wholehearted worship

John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the **true worshipers** will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **:24** God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must **worship in spirit and truth.**”

1. Soon, the women will be returning to their friends.
2. Soon, the two disciples will be returning to Emmaus.
3. Soon, Peter will be returning to Capernaum.

Soon they will all become witnesses of what they know and believe!!!

What they have to say matters. The results are not for them to decide.

(they're to be faithful to the truth – and that will result in the most radical shift in humanity that the world will ever see)

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. **:15** For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. **:16** To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

- (1) Pray that those **who are lost** right now will be found.
- (2) Pray that those **who are wayward** will come back home to Christ
- (3) pray that the Lord would **receive our worship** and gratitude and praise.

the end, for now...