

LUKE Lesson 71

Post Resurrection Appearances of the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 24:32-53)

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32-36 After His resurrection Jesus appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (vss 13-33). Those two men quickly returned to Jerusalem to tell the eleven apostles (vs 33).

The apostles said Jesus had also appeared to Simon Peter (vs 34).

Jesus suddenly appeared in the midst of them all and said “**Peace be unto you**” (vs 36).

Vs 37 Jesus desired to bring His disciples peace, but they were all terrified.

They *supposed* that they had seen a spirit. If Jesus was only a spirit, He wasn't resurrected. Resurrection is when the living soul and spirit returns into a body that was dead, and the life of the body returns. There is no such thing as a “*spiritual resurrection*.”

38-40 Jesus proved that He was not a just a spirit by telling His disciples to handle Him. A spirit doesn't have flesh and bones.

Rule: don't build a doctrine on what the Bible doesn't say. Many teachers claim that Jesus didn't have blood in His body because He didn't mention it. There are other things He didn't mention (hair, stomach, heart, etc), but it doesn't mean He didn't have them.

41-43 The disciples believed not for joy. This is not rejection; this is amazement, awe, and wonder.

Jesus asked for something to eat. If a man had written the Bible, these words would be omitted. A man wouldn't write that Jesus' first words with His disciples were about a meal.

They gave Him food (42) and He made sure they all could see that He was able to eat (43); proof that He was in His resurrected body and not merely a spirit.

Vs 44 **These are the words which I spake unto you.** What you're seeing today with your own eyes is the fulfillment of the words that I spoke to you before I died on Calvary's cross.

One day when we're standing in our eternal resurrection bodies before the Lord Jesus in Heaven, He will be able to say the same words to us. All His promises will be fulfilled.

Vs 45 Jesus opened their understanding. It doesn't matter how intelligent or educated you are; you will not understand the Bible unless the Lord reveals His truths to you (Luke 9:44-45, John 14:26, 16:13, 1 Cor 2:10, 1 John 2:20, 27). Prayer before Bible reading is extremely important.

Vs 46 Jesus had prophesied that he would rise the third day (Matthew 12:40, 20:19, Mark 9:31, 10:34, Luke 18:33, 24:7).

(Exodus 15:22-25) At the first Passover, the Passover lamb had been slain, its blood had been applied, but the Israelites had to go three days in the wilderness before God gave them sweet water to drink.

During those first three days of the Exodus, the children of Israel only found bitter water.

This was a picture of the three days the disciples spent in sorrow and sadness and bitterness before the Lord opened their understanding. The key to that understanding was the cross; the tree upon which Jesus died.

His death, burial, and resurrection was a turning point; the point at which the scriptures turned from a condemning letter of Law into living waters.

46-48 Jesus established the gospel message that should be preached among all nations: that Christ died for our sins, rose from the dead on the third day, and we must repent that our sins may be remitted.

This is the same gospel Peter preached (Acts 2:23-24, 38).

This is the same gospel Paul preached (1 Cor 15:3-4, Acts 17:30, 20:21)

The disciples were Christ's witnesses and were instructed to begin at Jerusalem (vs 48).

The gospel we preach must speak of Christ's death and burial, but it also must include repentance from sin and repentance toward God (Acts 17:30-31, 26:20).

Vs 49 The promise of the Father was that the Comforter would come (John 14:16, 26, 15:26, 16:7). When the Holy Ghost came down on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), the disciples were "**endued with power from on high.**"

50-53 When Jesus left the disciples, He was carried up into heaven and they worshipped Him. —These facts are omitted from some new bible versions.

Darby's translation: "having done him homage." That's respect, but not worship.

New American Standard: carried to heaven **omitted**. Worship **omitted**.

New World Translation: "*they did obeisance to him.*" That is less than worship.

They returned with great joy. This is a greater joy than the joy of verse 41 because now the truth of Christ's resurrection and the fulfillment of all His promises was more fully comprehended and believed.

Hebrews 12:2 All that Jesus did in His incarnation from start to finish was "**for the joy that was set before him.**" Our joy was His joy. The Lord Jesus Christ wants us to have a joyful abundant Christian life as we anticipate His return.