

The Great Physician

Luke 24:36-53

- We left off with Luke describing resurrection day, How it started out with those who followed after the Lord being sad and sorrowful, because to them with Jesus being dead, everything they'd put their trust in was still lying in the grave, so they were without hope. But now that there reports of Jesus having shown Himself to some of the women and they've spoken to Him, and that He's also appeared to Simon Peter, as well as the two men headed to Emmaus, hope has revived itself, only He hasn't yet been seen by them all at the same time only isolated events

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- **V36-37** despite so many exciting things happening that day there was still so much that hasn't been explained, so this is one of the reasons that ten of the Apostles, plus other believers are here in one place meeting together and sharing what they've heard and seen thus far. You know how rumors can spread, and falsehood can become fact, while facts begin to fade in the distance, so while Cleopas and his friend are telling their story Jesus Himself appears in the room
- **Jn 20:19** includes that when this happened it was still resurrection Sunday, but that it was evening time, so many hours had passed since it was first discovered that the tomb was empty, also that when Jesus appeared He came through closed doors. People there is no door that's shut in which Jesus cannot get in, what's interesting is you would have thought that when they saw Jesus the believers would have let out a great sigh of relief, and sang an amazing hymn of praise to celebrate that The Lord has risen, but instead they were terrified, frightened, troubled.
- **V37** says because it happened so quickly and suddenly that they were totally unprepared, so they initially thought that they had seen a ghost, even though several of them had already seen The Risen Christ, but the majority of them hadn't, and this shows what was still in their hearts > **"unbelief"**, because they really didn't believe the testimony of the others > **Mk 16:14**.
- **V38-43** in the midst of **rebuking them** The Lord also seeks to **"calm them"** as **Jn 20:19-21** says Jesus gives them a blessing saying to them twice "peace be with you". The next thing He does to calm and settle their hearts was to **"show them His Hands and Feet"**, and Luke says this still didn't completely take away the fear, so Jesus asks for something to eat and He took it and ate some food in their presence to prove that He is not a ghost or spirit. In **Lk 24:35** Cleopas and his friend also had their eyes opened while Jesus was breaking bread and eating with them.
- It's something about having fellowship with someone where you share a meal and are able to bond over having a good meal, this is why people when wanting to be friendly cant help but to ask someone over for dinner, or to go out and eat together, it's a gesture that says were family. In the middle East when someone has you over for a meal its not only impolite to reject the invitation but also to reject what they offer you why? Because by doing this they are letting you in to spend time with that which is most important to them which is their family and their home.

- **V44-48** after they've heard His words, seen His scars, watched Him eat, they are reminded that all the things that happened wasn't by accident, but had been prophesied through Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms. How important it is to know that nothing that happens in our lives is by accident, that oops or that was a mistake is not in the Lord's vocabulary.
- It was then that they actually experienced what Jesus said to them twice, when they were terrified earlier and that is "**peace**" the final source of assurance and peace came through "**The Word of God**" this is after their understanding was opened to discern the OT scriptures. You want peace that surpasses our own understanding, well that can only come through Jesus and The Word of God > **Philip 4:6-7**- this is what keeps us from being anxious and fearful, and allowed them to know what role God has for the to play in furthering the gospel > **1Pet 1:10-12**.
- **V49-53** with privilege always comes responsibility as now that they know and understand what Jesus has done, and what their role is, they are expected to act and fulfil their ministry > **2 Tim 4:5**. As they are expected to be witnesses of all that was done, starting first with waiting in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come upon them > **Acts 1:8**- "**Dunamis**" to come upon them.
- This word is where we get the English word "**dynamite**" from, but what's important here is the phrase "**to come upon**" it means to empower in order to do a specific work. This is how a group of ragtag fishermen, who never were formally taught the scriptures or sat under a seminary teacher could go out and turn the world upside down or as I like to say right side up.
- Because God promised to provide he power, and if anything is done without the power of the Holy Spirit it won't last and neither will it satisfy. With everything accomplished the Lord ascends to the heavens and the disciples worship Him returning to Jerusalem in joy, don't ever let people diminish Who Jesus is, as only God receives worship and the disciples worshipped Jesus.
- Before we close this chapter was full of opened things 1. **Open Tomb V12**, 2. **Open invitation V29**, 3. **Opened Eyes V31**, 4. **Opened Scriptures V32**, 5. **Opened Lips V35**, 6. **Opened Understanding V45**, 7. **Opened Heavens V51**.