

# "Jesus Gets the Last Word"

Luke 24:36-53

#### 8 Big Jesus Ideas:

- Jesus is **living** (v. 36)
- 2. Jesus is **inviting** (v. 37-43)
- 3. Jesus is **confirming** (v. 44)
- 4. Jesus is **speaking** (v. 45-47)
- Jesus is **filling** (v. 49)

#### The Holy Spirit's job:

- To change your life, not fix your life
   "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
   II Cor. 5:17
- 2. To empower your new life, not improve your old one

"Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires." - Romans 8:5

3. To help you serve God, not yourself

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God." - II Timothy 1:7-8

- 6. Jesus is **sending** (v. 46-48)
- 7. Jesus is **blessing** (v. 50-51)
- 8. Jesus is **receiving** (v. 52)

#### **And Guess What?!**

Jesus is *STILL* living...
Jesus is *STILL* inviting...

Jesus is *STILL* confirming...

Jesus is *STILL* speaking...

Jesus is STILL filling...

Jesus is STILL sending...

Jesus is STILL blessing...

...and Jesus is STILL receiving the praise and worship of His people.

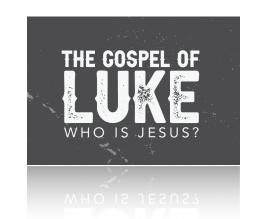
"This is what is written:
The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these

You are witnesses of these things."

-Jesus





## **Discussion Questions:**

## **Getting to Know Me**

- 1. What is your opinion of the Apple Blossom Festival? Love it, avoid it, or something in between?
- 2. What is a topic or idea that you completely changed your view on as a result of studying more about it?

#### Into the Bible

- 1. What is something new or surprising you learned about the person of Jesus when you read these verses?
- 2. Why did Jesus ask the disciples to touch his hands and his feet and ask them to give him something to eat?
- 3. Verses 44 and 45 talk about Jesus opening the disciples' minds so that they could understand Scripture. What central idea do you think he was trying to get across to them by this form of revelation?
- 4. Why do you think Jesus wanted the disciples to begin preaching the Gospel in Jerusalem?
- 5. How could the disciples return to Jerusalem with "great joy" in light of the overwhelming challenges they undoubtedly knew they were about to face?

## **Application**

- 1. What was your main takeaway from Pastor Josh's sermon? How were you impacted/ encouraged? Did you have an "ah-ha" moment or realize something for the first time?
- 2. In his sermon, Pastor Josh said Christianity is credible, personal and rational and that God cares about you and your questions, fears and doubts. How do these truths impact you and the way you orient your belief in and alignment to faith in Jesus?
- 3. Why is it so important for us to correctly understand the Holy Spirit's role in our process of sanctification? What needs to change in your thinking in order to allow the Holy Spirit to more fully change your life, empower you as a new creation and help you to more fully serve God?