

KNOW, GO, AND SHOW | LUKE 24:36-53 | PASTOR MARK BOFILL | 11/01/2026

I. **KNOW** the Risen Christ (36-43) | II. **GO** with Christ's Commission (44-49) | III. **SHOW** the Joy of the Risen Christ (50-53)

INTRO: As we come to the closing verses of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is about to entrust His disciples with **The Greatest Mission ever given to mankind!** – But first, He must **open their understanding** of His Resurrection and Scripture, to prepare them to become His witnesses. – Title: **KNOW, GO, AND SHOW!**

I. KNOW THE RISEN CHRIST (36-43): The women had discovered the Empty Tomb in (1-2), then the two disciples on the Road encountered the Risen Lord (13-35). – **NOW** Jesus appears to His gathered disciples (36-43)— *These Accounts CONFIRM The Foundation of Our Faith*

A. His Peace Proclaimed (36-38): **READ** – Jesus suddenly stands and declares, "*Peace to you!*" (36)

1. **Think about it!** These disciples had failed Him – Yet His first words **were NOT condemnation!**
2. The Risen Christ **KNEW** that they Needed **PEACE!**
3. In (Verses 37-38): we're told that *they were terrified*, supposing they had seen a spirit.
 - Their Fears revealed their difficulty comprehending the resurrection. – Jesus asked **WHY?**

P/A: Sometimes we allow Our Fears to speak louder than God's promises! > **Don't allow your circumstances to convince you that Christ is absent when His Word assures you that He is present!** – (Rom 5:1) explains; *Through faith in Christ, we have Peace with God.*

B. His Person Presented (39-40): **READ** – Jesus directs their attention to *His hands and feet* declaring, "*It is I Myself.*" – He invites them to Touch Him, demonstrating that He is Physically Alive.

1. **This Reveals a Glimpse of Christ's Glorified Body**—**Physical**, yet no longer bound by earthly limitations. He was "*spirit, yet had flesh and bones;*" able to materialize immediately and even eat!
2. **The Showing of His Hands and Feet (40; John 20:25-27)** — I've heard it said that "*The only Man-Made thing in heaven is the Nail Prints in Jesus' Hands and Feet!*" **WHY** do they remain?
 - **First** to show the Reality of His Resurrection and **Second**, to show the Reality of His Love!

P/A: His Hands and feet will **Forever be a Reminder** that **He Understands** our Pains and Hurts, so that we should never give up in life! We you do feel that way, **Just Look at His SCARS!**

C. His Presence Proven (41-43): **READ** – The disciples were overwhelmed with joy and amazement.

1. Luke tells us, *their excitement* overshadowed their faith. – *It was almost too good to be true!* **But it was true!** – In (v.43) Jesus eats before them, thus confirming His Bodily Resurrection.
2. **Christianity is Grounded in Historical Reality. OUR FAITH RESTS UPON A LIVING SAVIOR!** — Peter later testified that he and the other chosen witnesses ate and drank with Jesus after He rose from the dead (Acts 10:40–41). – They witnessed His resurrection firsthand!

KEY TRUTH: Before we can make Christ KNOWN, we must first be convinced of WHO HE IS!

SEGUE: Jesus didn't rise simply to convince His disciples **that He was alive...** HE HAD A MISSION FOR THEM TO ACCOMPLISH!

II. GO WITH CHRIST'S COMMISSION (44-49): *The Responsibility of Our Faith.*

A. His Scriptures Explained (44-46): **READ** — Jesus reminds them of *what was written...*

1. The Scriptures **Fulfilled** (44, 46): Jesus' suffering and resurrection fulfilled God's redemptive plan revealed in the Law, Prophets, and Psalms: (cf. Isa 53:5-6; Psalm 16:10, etc.)
2. Their **Understanding Opened** (45): Jesus **enabled them** to understand the Scriptures about Him.
 - Knowing what Scripture says must lead to understanding **WHAT IT MEANS!**

P/A: We cannot GO with a Gospel we do not clearly understand! > Before sharing God's Word, we must be Students of God's Word (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 2:15-16)

B. His Salvation Proclaimed (47-48): **READ** — **The GREAT COMMISSION:** (Matt 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21; Acts 1:8); ... *is the HEART OF CHRIST'S COMMISSION* — Notice three essential elements: The Message, The Mission, The Messengers...

1. **THE MESSAGE** — **REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS** (47): Jesus commands that *repentance and remission of sins be preached.* — **Repentance**, Grk; *metanoia*, is a change of mind involving a turning toward God with all your heart! — **Forgiveness**, Grk; *aphesis* is a release from sins!
THIS IS WHAT JESUS' DISCIPLES WERE TO PREACH! ...*The modern disciple is charged with the same!*

- (Acts 3:19), "Repent and be converted so your sins may be blotted out..."
- The Gospel is not merely about becoming a better person... **IT IS THE GOOD NEWS THAT SINNERS CAN BE FORGIVEN** THROUGH JESUS CHRIST! — (1 Cor 15:12) *Christ is preached...*

2. **THE MISSION** — **ALL NATIONS** (47): Jesus declares that the Gospel **must be proclaimed to all nations**, beginning at JERUSALEM.

- Jerusalem was the very city where Jesus had been crucified. **From there...** the Gospel would spread to the ends of the earth (cf. Acts 1:8b)
- Our Mission hasn't changed! > You don't have to Cross an Ocean to share the Gospel... **Sometimes you only need to Cross the Street!**

P/A: Who in your life needs to hear about Jesus? — **WHAT IF GOD HAS PLACED YOU IN THEIR LIFE TO INTRODUCE THEM TO CHRIST?** *Are you willing to carry out that mission in Jesus' name?...*

3. **THE MESSENGERS** — **HIS WITNESSES** (48): *"And you are witnesses of these things..."* Gk: *martyrs* — one who bears testimony. — The Apostles had PERSONALLY witnessed His resurrection. *But for us...*

- We PROCLAIM *"their testimonies as Scripture"* and **share what Christ has done in our lives!**
In (Mark 5:19), Jesus told the delivered man to **"tell others,"** what the Lord had done for him.

P/A: You don't need a Theology Degree to share what Jesus has done in your life! — **What you need is the Power of the Holy Spirit!** *Just like what Jesus prescribes next...*

C. His Spirit Promised (49): **READ** — Jesus reaffirms His earlier promise (tt. John 14:25-26; 15:26)

1. **Preparation Required:** The disciples **could not fulfill** Christ's commission in their **own strength!** They needed to be *"endued with power from on high"* — (Acts 1:8a), **Whom You shall receive...** — This manifested on the **DAY OF PENTECOST** (Acts 2:1-4)

2. Power Provided: Greek: *dynamis* — power or ability. > The Holy Spirit would empower them to become Christ's WITNESSES (Acts 1:8b)

- The **POWER** immediately was on display, as **divided tongues were visibly upon them** as the praised God! (*Many with different languages understood them in their own tongue*).
- The same **PETER** who denied Jesus would later **boldly proclaim Him** before thousands. (*Harvest!*)

P/A: **THE WORK OF GOD REQUIRED THE POWER OF GOD!** – We too, need the Holy Spirit to give us **Boldness**, **Wisdom**, and **Compassion** for the lost, so that we can **GO with Christ's Commission!**

SEGUE: Jesus has **Confirmed His resurrection** and **Commissioned His disciples**... **Now He prepares them for His ASCENSION** > And their response is **Not Sorrow** but **worship, obedience, and great joy!**

III. SHOW THE JOY OF THE RISEN CHRIST (50-53): **READ** – *The Demonstration of Our Faith*

A. His Blessing Bestowed (50): *Jesus leads His disciples toward Bethany*... near the **Mt. of Olives** – Luke records His **Final Gesture** before ascending: **One of BLESSING!** – In (Matt 28:20) the **BLESSING** was a **PROMISE, to always be with them!** – *What a wonderful reminder to leave them and us with!*

B. His Ascension Accomplished (51): While blessing His disciples, *Jesus is CARRIED UP into heaven*.

- *Jesus' ascension confirms His Righteous Standing before God*... i.e. accepted into Heaven!
- Though His visible earthly ministry **reached its appointed conclusion**.... His **ASCENSION** was **not the end of His work!** > (Heb 7:25) says, *"Jesus continually lives to intercede for His people."*
- In (Acts 1:11), we will learn that, *"The same Jesus who ascended will return in like manner."*

SEGUE: Jesus ascended into heaven, but **He never abandoned His disciples:** His Presence was **PROMISED**, His Power was **COMING**, and His Mission **REMAINED!** – *And how did they respond?...*

C. His Disciples Rejoice (52-53): They **Worshiped Jesus** and **Returned to Jerusalem** as commanded.

1. Their **JOY:** *They Continually Praised and Blessed God*... **What a Witness!** (ttm. Eph 5:18b-21)
2. Their **CHANGE:** Earlier, these same disciples were **Frightened and Confused**... **What Changed?** > **THEY HAD ENCOUNTERED THE RISEN CHRIST!**
 - Their **Fear** became **Faith**, their **Confusion** became **Understanding**, their **Sorrow** became **Joy!** >

P/A: Anyone who Truly Encounters the Risen Christ should **Reflect the Joy of knowing Him through a Transformed Life!**

SEGUE: The **SAME JESUS** who Transformed those disciples is **Still Transforming Lives Today!** – **And His call to us remains the same:** **KNOW HIM, GO FOR HIM, and SHOW HIM TO THE WORLD!**

- Our lives should reflect the Savior we proclaim. Let people see **CHRIST'S PEACE, LOVE, and JOY IN YOU!**

COMMUNION: Church, *as we come to the end of our journey through the Gospel of Luke*, I can think of **NO BETTER WAY** to conclude than by **Gathering at the Lord's Table**, **Remembering the Savior** who loved us, gave His life for us, and **rose again** so that we might have new life in Him!

