

Can I Get a Witness?

Luke 24:36-53

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Luke 1:1-4 (Christian Standard Bible)

Many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us. It also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed.

Luke 24:36-43

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

I. He arose in the flesh and proved it by eating fish.

Philippians 3:21

...who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Luke 1:79: "guide our feet in the way of peace"

Luke 2:14: "Glory to God in the highest...and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased."

Luke 24:44-48

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and

on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

II. He equipped them with the Word and left them as His witness.

Luke 24:49-53

“And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

III. He promised them His power and ascended to His throne.

John 15:26-27

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning."

Luke 9:51

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

1 Timothy 3:16-4:1

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

HI: You are witnesses of these things.

(1) as **one who declares** facts directly known to himself; (2) as **one who tells what he believes**, even though it results in his being killed for it