

Luke 24

Truth Annihilates Deception

- **Women:** Observed Tomb, Jesus dead body/Home prepare spices/Rested Saturday

I. Risen

1 Now on the **first day** of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

- Very Early Sunday Morning...

2 But they found the **stone rolled away** from the tomb. 3 Then [the women] went in [to the tomb] and **did not find the body** of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it happened, as they were **greatly perplexed** about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "**Why do you seek the living among the dead?**"

Jesus Body Nowhere to be Found

- **Women Greatly Perplexed:** Entirely at a loss. rt. w/out resources, to be in straits, left wanting, embarrassed, to be in doubt, **not knowing which way to turn**
- **Two Men in Shining Clothes:** gr. as-trap'-to Dazzling as lightning. rt. like stars

Why do you seek the living among the dead?

- Why do we seek life from dead stuff?
 1. Dead Religion
 2. Deceitful Riches
 3. Degrading Habits Sex, Drugs, Surfing the net

None of these things give Life but steal Life
Jesus came to give Life. Big Victorious Purposeful Life here till He comes...

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

We should seek Life from the One who **has Life, is Life** and **Gives Life**

Luke 24:6b [New Life in Christ]... I am the way, the truth, and **the life...**

Galatians 5:22 [Spirit filled life] love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Psalms 23:1 [Abundant Life: Contentment/Victory/Hope] The **Lord is my shepherd**; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before

me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; **And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.**

Abundant Life Now...Eternal Life to come. Only in Jesus who is Alive today

- **Two Angels to women at tomb:** Why do you seek the living among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

Can't keep a good Man down. Sin is the cause of death
Jesus was sinless thus **death could not hold Him**

Acts 2:24 [Jesus rose] ... having loosed the pains of death, because it was **not possible that He should be held by it.**

Q. Who raised Jesus from the Dead? Father, Son, Holy Spirit? **A.** Yes.

Galatians 1:1 [Father] ...**God the Father** who raised Him from the dead...

John 10:18 [Son] No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. **I** [Jesus] have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again...

1 Peter 3:18 [Spirit] For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but **made alive by the Spirit** [Trinity at Creation/Resurrection]

Women first to see empty tomb ...should not have been Greatly Perplexed
Jesus Mentioned His 3rd Day Resurrection **21x** in the Gospels

8 And they remembered His words. 9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the **eleven** and to all the rest. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who **told these things to the apostles.** 11 And their words **seemed to them like idle tales,** and they did not believe them. 12 **But Peter** arose and **ran to the tomb;** and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. [John tells us John got there first...]

John 20:3 Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. 4 So they **both ran together,** and the other disciple [**John**] **outran Peter** and came to the **tomb first.** [Saw clothes but no body]

Visitors to the Tomb find it empty though guarded by soldiers. Stone rolled away...
Jesus has Risen. Someone may say, **so, what if He didn't?**

1 Corinthians 15:17 ...if Christ is not risen, your **faith is futile;** you are still in your sins!
18 Then also those who have fallen asleep **in Christ** have perished. **19** If in this life only we

have hope **in Christ**, we are of all men the most pitiable. 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ** all **shall be made alive**.

In Christ we are no longer in our sins, **thus...**

The grave which could not hold Jesus...cannot hold us either, or those we love in Christ

The doctrine of the resurrection is full of joy for the mourning. It clothes the grave with flowers and wreathes the tomb with unfading greens. The empty tomb shines with a light brighter than the sun, and death grows fair, as we say, in full assurance of faith, 'I know that my brother shall rise again. [Spurgeon]

II. Emmaus

13 Now **behold, two of them** were traveling that **same day** to a village called **Emmaus**, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of **all these things which had happened**.

Later Sunday afternoon confusion remains among Jesus followers

- **Two disciples decide to walk to Emmaus**

1. Seven miles from Jerusalem
2. Emmaus: lit. **Warm baths**

After a disappointing/discouraging day in Jerusalem
Two disciples walking/talking/hoping for a warm bath in Emmaus...

15 So it was, while they conversed and **reasoned**, that **Jesus Himself drew near and went with them**. 16 But their **eyes were restrained**, so that they did not know Him.

- **Eyes Restrained:** Lit. Their eyes held firm to current frame of reference

IOWs: They were so focused on trying to reconcile how Jesus Words seemingly did not come to pass, they were **blind to the fact that Jesus walking with them**. [NJC]

So what? When we find an apparent contradiction in the Word
Press forward/Dig deeper/ you will find a nugget of pure Gold

- Jesus has some fun with the boys...

17 And [Jesus] said to them, "**What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?**" 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "**Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem**, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

Who is this Guy? Did You just get here?

Don't You know the things that happened back there!

19 And [Jesus] said to them, **"What things?"**

- Jesus loves to elicit a response from Him kids [c.f. v28]

Mark 6:48 [Wind. Straining to row]...[Jesus] came to them, walking on the sea, and **would have passed them by.** 49 And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and **cried out...**

Jesus to the two: Things? What things happened in Jerusalem?

19b...So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a **Prophet mighty in deed and word** before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 **But we were hoping** that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.

IOWs God didn't do what I thought He should do to meet my needs now

... so focused on self they were blind to the fact that Jesus walking with them. [NJC]

21b... Indeed, besides all this, today is the **third day since these things happened.**

Oh yah...He said something about 3 days/It's been 3 days [21x]

22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also **seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.** 24 And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but **Him they did not see."**

They made out a very clear case against their own unbelief here... How innocently they tell the story! How they convict themselves of stark unbelief! And **the Master hears it all patiently and quietly.** [Spurgeon]

- **Some say He is alive.** Yawn. We are going to Emmaus to take a warm bath.

They are apathetic to what God is doing because...

God's not doing what they thought God should be doing **but doing something greater**

- **Did not overthrow Rome...**but He did save them from Eternal Hell
- **Jesus:** Blessed are those who are not offended by Me. Ways/Timing

Jesus came to die for our sins...Not to make us happy

What if Jesus never makes you happy in this life. Is having your sin forgiven enough? Jesus did not come to make us happy but to save our souls from hell. [NJC]

Jesus becoming indignant at their unbelief
Addresses their cavalier mention of His Death/Resurrection

25 Then [Jesus] said to them, "O **foolish ones**, and **slow of heart** to believe in **all** that the prophets have spoken!

IOWs More than just the Savior/Deliverer part...

- **Moses** 1446 BC **Prophet** will rise from among the Jews
- **Isaiah** 700 BC **Messiah** must **Suffer/Die/Rise again**

26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to **enter into His glory?**"

- In their defense it is amazing...

Eternal God enter time/Made in likeness of man/Take/Pay our sin/Give us His
righteousness
Ascend to His previous Glory with the Father!

1 Timothy 3:16 ...without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was **manifested in the flesh**, Justified [vindicated: shown to be true] **in the Spirit**, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, **Received up in glory**.

27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the **Scriptures the things concerning Himself**.

- **Greatest Bible study in History:** Jesus in all 66 books of the Bible
 1. Jesus walking in garden with Adam/Eve. Jesus providing first sacrifice
 2. Jesus preaching though Noah message of wood/nails only way to be saved
 3. Jesus communing w/Abram bringing out wine and bread talking future stuff
 4. Jesus calling for the sacrifice of Isaac to be replaced by a ram
 5. Jesus pictured as Jacob's ladder. Mediator between God/Man to heaven
 6. Jesus leading Moses, Jesus Shepherd of David, Jesus the Glory of Solomon
 7. Jesus typology in Ark: Wood covered w/Gold. Humanity and Deity of Christ
 8. Jesus sitting on the Throne high lifted up before Isaiah. Every page/OT Book

28 Then [the two disciples] drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He **would have gone farther**.

- **At Emmaus** Jesus says goodbye again eliciting a response

Christ never forces his company upon anyone; and if we are willing to let him go, he will go, nor will he return until we are heartily sick of having treated him coldly. When we can no longer bear the absence of Christ, **then he will speedily return to us**. [Spurgeon]

29 But they constrained Him, saying, "**Abide with us**, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

They pass the test. Bible study had hard truths. Suffering part of this life
Even so they want Jesus to stick around. What about us?

- **Will we stick around even if...**

1. My enemies are never dealt with here
2. I am never healed in this life
3. I have to undergo deep heartache for now
4. I have to suffer till Jesus returns. Even so we will abide with Jesus, because...

I know my sins are forgiven. I am not going to hell. I know He's taken my guilt/shame.
I know I'm going to heaven. I'm good.

29b...And He went in to stay with them.

- At Emmaus Hot Springs?

I thought Jesus did not come to bring us comfort.
Jesus did not come *primarily* for our comfort

2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of **mercies** and **God of all comfort**, 4 who **comforts us in all our tribulation**, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are **comforted by God**.

- **Primary purpose** Sins Forgiven
- **Cake Icing** Help/Comfort in all our needs

The boys still don't know its Jesus...

30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took **bread, blessed and broke it**, and gave it to them. 31 **Then their eyes were opened** and they **knew Him**; and **He vanished** from their sight.

Breaks Bread and they see His nail prints
Eyes open/Recognize Him/He vanishes

32 And they said to one another, "**Did not our heart burn** within us while **He talked** with us on the road, and while **He opened the Scriptures** to us?" 33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem...

Hearts burned within them. Why?
Communing with their very Creator. One to one. Face to face.

- Though late [v29] they **split to find others...**

33b...and [they] found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "**The Lord is risen indeed**, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how **He was known to them in the breaking of bread**.

III. Jesus Appears to His Disciples

36 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "**Peace to you.**" 37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. 38 And He said to them, "**Why are you troubled? And why do doubts** arise in your hearts? 39 Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." 40 When He had said this, **He showed them His hands and His feet.** 41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "**Have you any food here?**" 42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. 43 And He took it and ate in their presence.

We believe in the Bodily Resurrection of Jesus Christ

44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

- New greatest Bible Study in the history of the world

All that Moses/Prophets/Psalms say about Me

45 And He **opened their understanding**, that they might comprehend the Scriptures

- God opens our understanding to His Word by His Spirit...

Ephesians 1:17 [Paul prayed would give us...] the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the **eyes of your understanding being enlightened**

46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things.

- **What Jesus did** Came to Suffer/Die/Rise again
 - **What we are to do** Be His witnesses till He comes again
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| 1. Preach Repentance | Turn from sin | Times of Refreshment |
| 2. Preach Forgiveness | Confess your sin | Cleansed/Healed/Filled |

49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

IV. Ascension

50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and **carried up into heaven.** 52 And they **worshiped**

Him, and returned to Jerusalem with **great joy**, 53 and were continually in the temple **praising** and **blessing** God. Amen.

He has Risen