

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE GOSPEL
Luke 24:36-53 (CSB)

1. The Fellowship of DEATH. (Vs 36-43)

As they were saying these things, he himself stood in their midst. He said to them, "Peace to you!"³⁷ But they were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ "Why are you troubled?" he asked them. "And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself! Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have."⁴⁰ Having said this, he showed them his hands and feet.⁴¹ But while they still were amazed and in disbelief because of their joy, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"⁴² So they gave him a piece of a broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

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2. The Fellowship of the RESURRECTION. (Vs 44-48)

He told 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, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶ He also said to them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day,⁴⁷ and repentance for forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things."

Luke 24:44-48 (CSB)

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead."

Timothy Keller

"Two thousand years ago, in the Middle East, an event occurred that permanently changed the world. Because of that event, history was split. Every time you write a date, you're using the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as the focal point."

Rick Warren

"The truth of the resurrection gives life to every other area of gospel truth. The resurrection is the pivot on which all of Christianity turns and without which none of the other truths would much matter. Without the resurrection, Christianity would be so much wishful thinking, taking its place alongside all other human philosophy and religious speculation."

John MacArthur

"The resurrection is not merely important to the historic Christian faith; without it, there would be no Christianity. It is the singular doctrine that elevates Christianity above all other world religions."

Pastor Adrian Rogers

"Truly I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

²⁵Truly I tell you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted to the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has granted him the right to pass judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of condemnation. ³⁰I can do nothing on my own. I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me."

John 5:24-30 (CSB)

"And look, I am sending you what my Father promised. As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high."

Luke 24:49 (CSB)

3. The Fellowship of NEW LIFE. (Vs 49-53)

"And look, I am sending you what my Father promised. As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high." Then he led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. And while he was blessing them, he left them and was carried up into heaven. After worshiping him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they were continually in the temple praising God.

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