

Luke 24:13-53 Resurrected and Revealed

Luke opened his gospel by telling Theophilus why he wrote all this in the first place.

Luke 1: 1Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, 2just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, 3it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Luke wrote this historical biography of Jesus so that we could know more about Him and have certainty. In order to provide that he interviewed everybody he could get in touch with and consulted with the apostles and “followed all things closely.” He filled his book with historical markers like names and places so anyone who was interested could go and check out exactly what he was saying.

But as we finish the book this morning, we will see that although Luke knew and understood what he was doing by writing a single book about Jesus actually, the whole Bible is about Him.

The Bible is a complex collection of books, more like a library than a book,

66 individual books from a variety of genres, written by over 40 authors from a variety of backgrounds (from shepherds to scholars and everything in between), over a period of 1600 years, on 3 continents, in three languages

and it all has one story to tell – God’s redemption of men.

It starts off by telling us why we need to be saved, tells the historical story of how God began to use the nation of Israel to set apart people for Himself, tells how He promised to send Someone who would do the saving, and tells the story of His (Jesus’) life, then tells of how His salvation spread, how it affected people and how one day He will come back to completely seal the deal.

The whole arrangement of the Bible is kind of like an hourglass on it’s side – everything before Jesus is pointing toward Him, and everything after Him has passed through Him.

It has been said that history is HIS story.

So let’s jump in and finish up the portion of that story told to us by Luke.

We’ve seen Jesus arrested, tried, executed, and buried. But then, His disciples discovered that the tomb was empty and some angels appeared and reminded them that He had said all along that this would happen. But, they still don’t know exactly what to make of it all – they’re not sure where He has gone or what has happened. By then end of the chapter though, they will be alive

and on fire, full of joy and blessing God continually. So what happened in between? What changed them? Let's see:

[13](#)That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles [\[fn1\]](#) from Jerusalem,[14](#)and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.[15](#)While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.[16](#)But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.[17](#)And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.[18](#)Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"[19](#)And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,[20](#)and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.[21](#)But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.[22](#)Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,[23](#)and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.[24](#)Some 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."[25](#)And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken![26](#)Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"[27](#)And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

[28](#)So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,[29](#)but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.[30](#)When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.[31](#)And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.[32](#)They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"[33](#)And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,[34](#)saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"[35](#)Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

[36](#)As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"[37](#)But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.[38](#)And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?[39](#)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."[40](#)And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.[41](#)And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"[42](#)They gave him a piece of broiled fish, [\[fn2\]](#) [43](#)and he took it and ate before them.[44](#)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."[45](#)Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,[46](#)and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,[47](#)and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning

from Jerusalem.[48](#)You are witnesses of these things.[49](#)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.”

[50](#)Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.[51](#)While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.[52](#)And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,[53](#)and were continually in the temple blessing God.

[Isaiah 50:5-7](#) is another example of what the prophets taught concerning this. *The Lord God has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.*

i. He told them that the Messiah was:

- The Seed of the Woman, whose heel was bruised.
- The blessing of Abraham to all nations.
- The High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.
- The Man who wrestled with Jacob by the stream – becomes Israel has 12 sons.
- The Lion of the Tribe of Judah – 12 sons go to EG and become slaves.
- The voice from the burning bush that commissions Moses to lead the ppl.
- The Passover Lamb of the tenth curse.
- The Prophet greater than Moses.
- The captain of the Lord’s army to Joshua “are you for us or our adversaries?”
Commander of the Lord’s armies and you’re on holy ground.
- The ultimate Kinsman-Redeemer mentioned in Ruth.
- The son of David who was a King greater than David.
- The suffering Savior of [Psalm 22](#).
- The Good Shepherd of [Psalm 23](#).
- The wisdom of Proverbs and the Lover of the Song of Solomon.
- The Savior described in the prophets and the suffering Servant of [Isaiah 53](#).
- The Princely Messiah of Daniel who would establish a kingdom that would never end.

How important this is. That He opens our understanding to understand the scriptures. The Bible says “*the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit: neither can he know them, they are spiritually discerned. But he which is spiritual understands all things*” (1 Corinthians 2:14,15).

The cross and the resurrection really are the central point of history. Everything before this was leading up to it and everything since has been looking back.

Before they had the conviction that the resurrection was real, and before they were indwelt with the Holy Spirit, even though the disciples had reason to believe, they were not excited, they had no joy, they were confused. What does that mean for us? Well, it means that we cannot fully appreciate Jesus’ teaching and miracles without accepting the resurrection and receiving new birth into a new life empowered by the Holy Spirit.

You can’t just listen to the stories and be warmed by the sentimentality of it all. You can’t just take some leadership lessons from Jesus. You can’t just sit here and hear some good moral stories while they expose your kid to religion down the hall or upstairs because you think that’s a part of being a good parent.

If Christianity is going to affect you with any sense of real, lasting worth and effect any sort of eternal change in you, it must be because you accept the reality of the resurrection and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We're going to celebrate all of this in just a minute by receiving communion which Jesus gave to us as reminder of who He is and what He had done. In order for you to receive it, you have to first receive Him. And if you've never done that, I'd encourage you to do it now. You've been sitting here this morning listening to an explanation of what happened to Jesus and what He was all about – you've had a chance that many people don't get and now you need to decide what to do with it. Will you reject Him or accept Him?

Accepting Him is as simple as confessing that He is right and you have been wrong. That you have lived life your own way and not His and that you need Him to forgive you for that. Then ask Him to start showing you how to live for Him and to give you the strength to do it.

And for those of you who have already accepted Him, as the elements are passed out, you have a chance to ask God make your heart "burn within you" once again as you read and re-read the Scriptures – you have the chance to ask Him to take the smoldering little remains of what was once a huge bonfire and fan it into a raging inferno again.

You have the chance to ask Him to open your mind to understand the Scriptures.

You have the chance to repent and receive forgiveness.

And, you have the chance to ask Him to fill you up again with the power of the Holy Spirit so that you can do all that He is leading you into.

So let's pray.