

“The Son of Man Lives!” Luke 24

Please Stand and Open Your Bibles to Psalm 16

As we now come to the resurrection of Christ let us remember our last two messages from “The Trial of the Son of Man” and “The Cross and the Son of Man”. We saw that Jesus took our place and died the death we deserve for our sins. Remember our \$20 worth of \$5 words?

Vicarious

Penal

Substitutionary

Atonement

But how do we know that this happened for us? After all many people have died for others. Even the Bible says...

Romans 5:6-7

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

We have heard of heroic stories of people sacrificing their lives for another. A man pushes a person out of the way of an

oncoming vehicle only to be killed themselves or a soldier who falls on a grenade. But what more can they do but buy you time until you die later one way or another.

Romans 5:8-9

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

But again, how can we be sure of this? My friends it is the doctrine of the Resurrection that assures us of this! God the Father stamped His approval of the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins by the resurrection. It is a central theme of the Gospel and our hope of eternal life. If Jesus lives than so, will we! We are going to do the same as we did last week by doing a cursory review of this chapter and coming back and looking at the doctrinal importance of it all.

The Empty Tomb

Luke 24:1-12

What we see in this account by Luke is a group of very skeptical people. When we tell people that Jesus is alive and rose from the dead don't be surprised by their skepticism. You can tell

them they are in good company! Even the angels had to remind them of the plain words of Jesus. It seems the women took the angels at their word, but the men would have none of it. Now Luke leaves us with Peter wondering what happened and we know from John that he wasn't alone. This leads us to try to harmonize the gospels because if we read them separately, we might come to a conclusion that there are contradictions in the Bible. Please see the Handout I gave you all to see it is easily rectified.

Did you know that the very fact that all four accounts differ the way they do it actually confirms the truth of the event? Any prosecuting attorney knows that if four witnesses have the same story word for word that it's a staged testimony. A crime has been committed by several individuals and before they were arrested concoct a story to try to prove their innocence. It is so much easier to find a hole in their testimony. People see things differently and will always have a different way of describing it. It is exactly how we find it in the scriptures!

Now this next story we did in great detail for Resurrection Sunday, and I would refer you to that for a more in-depth study.

The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

Luke 24:27

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

Jesus uses a pattern that we use today. When we study the scriptures, we use a form of teaching called “Expositional Teaching”. It is where we use exegesis to allow the scripture to teach us what they are saying. There are two forms you will find in bible study...

Exegeses

EXPOSITION, EXPLANATION

especially : an explanation or critical interpretation of a text

PROPER WAY OF HERMENEUTICS (BIBLE STUDY)

Eisegesis

: the interpretation of a text (as of the Bible) by reading into it one's own ideas

IMPROPER WAY OF STUDY – YOU CAN MAKE THE SCRIPTURES SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT THEM TO

We are going to dig more into this in a few weeks before we start the book of John

## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Luke 24:36-43

This is very important because we need to see that Jesus rose again in His own physical body. He died and was buried and He rose again. He tells the disciples to touch Him and see. An early church heresy arose called Gnosticism that said Jesus never rose in a physical body and was only an emanation. This is why John would write...

2 John 1:7

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Many differing forms of this still exist in the Church today.

## The Great Commission

Luke 24:44-49

All four gospels have a version of this.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and

make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

John 20:21-23

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

And here in Luke it says that...

Luke 24:46-48

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** (A change of mind and heart towards sin) and **remission** (The complete forgiveness of sin through faith in Christ) of sins should be preached in His name

to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things.

But all of this can only be done by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Acts 1:4-5,8

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”... But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

This is still the charge of the church 2000 years later!

The Ascension

Luke 24:50-53

We are going to pick up on this and dig into it next week as we answer the question “What is Jesus Doing Now?” But it is an important thing to know that Jesus is alive and well today and sitting at the right hand of the Father in Heaven. But before we leave today, I want to talk about the importance of Jesus’

Resurrection. It is central to the Gospel, and we need to understand it.

## The Importance of Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-19

You can see that false teachers and doubters had already infected the church and Paul had to address it. Without the resurrection we are without hope.

Romans 6:5-11

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin...

Romans 6:5-11

...Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Romans 8:22-25

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Not only does the resurrection provide us with power over sin it also provides us with hope of another life. It proves to us our sins are forgiven and assures us of another life. When Lazarus died and Jesus showed up 4 days later to raise him from the dead, he said something very interesting...

## John 11:21-24

Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

## John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

This is the most important question in your life. How you answer will determine your destiny. If you answer the way Martha did, you will have answered correctly...

John 11:27

She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

This is all that is necessary to be saved. Jesus died for your sins and that He rose again for the dead.

Romans 10:9-10

...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Make sure you have done this before you leave today!