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LUKE 24:32-49

LESSON: JESUS FULFILLS THE SCRIPTURE (EASTER)—April 20, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus had appeared to two men on the Road to Emmaus. In their conversation they were sad because of the death of Jesus, and Jesus comes along side of them, but they didn't know Him, for He hadn't revealed Himself to them. Now, they are coming to the end of their journey, and Jesus acts as if He is going further. So, they begged Him to stay. Jesus joined them for the breaking of bread, but they did not know it was Him. While they were at the table for supper, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight (**24:28-31**).

LESSON:

I. LUKE 24:32-35

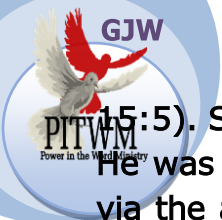
24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?—It was amazing how God filled the room! "*Did not our heart burn*" or weren't we filled with excitement and fire of the truth of God's Word as He talked on the Road to Emmaus? Jesus opened the scriptures in such a way that made their hearts leap for joy to bring them out of sadness to exhilarating hope. The Word brought conviction within their hearts to now believe. That's what the Word should do for all of us who believe. They came to know Jesus in a personal way. The two had heard the Scripture explained, and they had heard much as they traveled on the road. But they had to respond; they had to invite the Lord into their home before God could open their eyes, and bring them to a full knowledge of Christ.

24:33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,— They could not rest, having had the privilege of being a part of one of the most unique appearances of Christ's resurrection experience. These two rose up within the same hour hastening down the seven or eight miles back to Jerusalem. They made their way to the Upper Room where they knew the eleven apostles and other followers would be gathered behind locked doors in fear of the Jews. The "*eleven apostles*" meant that Judas was now dead. This also shows that the two that were on the Road of Emmaus were not apostles. They were followers.

24:34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. The two followers were immediately greeted with these words: "*The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.*" ¹The disciples in Jerusalem already knew that Jesus was alive. He had appeared to Peter. There are no details of this meeting. It was probably a painful but happy experience for Peter. Paul says that Jesus appeared especially to Peter (1 Corinthians

¹ <http://www.easyenglish.info/bible-commentary/luke-lbw.htm>
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15:5). Simon Peter was the only one of the Eleven to whom Jesus appeared alone, before He was seen of the other apostles. Remember, Jesus had sent a special message to Peter via the angels and the women (Mk.16:7), probably to relieve Peter's distress and fears, on account of Peter having so shamefully denied his Master.

24:35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. The two from Emmaus now relate what had happened to them. They burst forth with the news of how Jesus had appeared unto them on the Road to Emmaus; and how they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread.

II. LUKE 24:36-43

24:36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. In Jh.20:19, 24 the ten close disciples (minus Thomas and no Judas) and some other disciples were assembled in the upper room with all the doors shut. While the two from Emmaus had just finished telling their stories, Jesus, all of a sudden out of nowhere stood in the midst of them. WOW! The very first words Jesus speaks to the disciples after His death: "*Peace be unto you.*" This was the regular greeting of the Jews in that day, but it had a very special significance now. The disciples needed the peace that only Jesus could give.

24:37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. They didn't know what to make of this. The impact of talking about Jesus' Resurrection and His sudden appearance in their midst terrified and affrighted them. They thought it was a spirit; not being real. If He appeared glowing that would certainly frighten anyone.

24:38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?— These are Jesus' close disciples still troubled with uncertain thoughts arising in their hearts.

24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. Jesus really had to prove Himself. To further assure them that it is He, He says, "*Look at my hands and feet.*" They didn't have to say what they were thinking, He already knew it. Jesus wanted them now to touch Him; handle Him to see that He was not a spirit; not a vision; not a phantom; not an hallucination, or a figment of their imagination. He says, '*would a spirit have flesh and bones?*' ²After this night, they would never again fear death.

- They know now by the scars in His hands and feet that this is Jesus.
- They know that death of the body will not be the end of them, either.
- They know now that for the body to die is to live for all of eternity with Him. Death will no longer be a dread to them.

24:40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. After saying look, He shows them His hands and His feet. Yes, He had physically risen from the dead and His body was real. He differed yes, but it was His body. It was perfected and no longer subject to the limitations and frailties of the physical universe and its laws, such as: tears,

² <http://www.lovetheLord.com/books/luke/59.html>





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death, sorrow, or crying. It was now glorified by the power and spoken Word of God. How will our bodies look in heaven? I assume (my opinion) they will be the same body as it was on earth, with the exception that the body will go through a radical change of nature. *"For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality"* 1Cor.15:53. Jesus' body had all the appearance of a physical body, but it was not bound by the physical world and its material substance. **I believe we will see and know our loved ones in heaven!**

- It was the same body, not some other body. I say this because His resurrected body bore the marks of the nails in His hands and feet (Jh.20:20, 27), and the disciples could recognize Him after close observation.
- It was a body that could travel and appear anyplace, at will and by thought—a body unhampered by space, time, material, or substance. When He appeared it was suddenly, even behind locked doors (Lk.24:36; Jh.20:19).
- It was a body that differed enough that it was not clearly recognized at first, not until it was closely observed.
 - Mary Magdalene thought He was the gardener, until the Lord called her name (Jh.20:15-16).
 - The two followers walking on the road to Emmaus thought He was a traveler until He broke bread (Lk.24:31).
 - The disciples who were fishing did not recognize Him standing on the seashore until Jesus had spoken and John said, *"It is the Lord"* (Jh.21:4-7). Peter was the only one to get out of the boat and swim toward Jesus. Verse 14 *"This is now the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples after that he was raised from the dead."*
- As Jesus allowed them to see His glorified body, others will know and see our glorified bodies in heaven.
- Although Peter had never met Moses and Elijah, he recognized them on the Mount of Transfiguration, and suggested to build 3 tents: one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. Peter saw Moses and Elijah and did not say, *'Who are those men?'* He truly recognized them (Lk.9:28-33).
- Even the rich man in hell recognized Lazarus being carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom into heaven (Lk.16:22).
- Jesus said *"...Many will come from east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven"* Matt.8:11.
- Jesus told His disciples, *"I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes"* Lk.22:17-18. The disciples will know each other.
- Jesus' ascension was in His physical bodily form, and Acts 1:11 assures us that *"this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."*

We will never feel out of place among any of the saints of God! We will know them.

24:41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?— This was too much to take in; it was too good to be true, so Jesus asks

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for some meat to eat to prove that His body was real.

24:42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. They accommodated Him by giving Him a piece of a broiled fish, and a honeycomb. This was their usual supplement that they had to offer.

24:43 And he took it, and did eat before them. Jesus then gives a public demonstration that He was real and not a ghost; that He is able to eat what they eat.

III. LUKE 24:44-49

24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Jesus reminds the disciples about the times when He was with them; the writings in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning the Messiah had to be fulfilled. He didn't come to do away with the law, but he came to fulfill it. What they wrote about Him was true! He fulfilled every prophecy about Him. He fulfilled what the prophets told the people. And He fulfilled the writings of the psalms.

24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,— We know the Old Testament is revealed in the New, while the New is concealed in the Old. Christ opens their understanding that they might understand the scriptures. Until your understanding of the Scriptures is opened by Jesus, you can read it all you want, and not know what its saying.

24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:— He begins with— "*It is written, The Messiah had to suffer before He arose to life again three days later.*" The Old Testament passages (Psalm 22:14-17; 16:10) confers with the New.

24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. This verse continues from the above as Jesus speaks to them. Repentance and remission were very vital to the message to be preached among all nations, and He tells them where it is to start— in Jerusalem.

1. They were to preach **repentance**—be sorrowful for sin and forsake it; ³turn your back on the life you have been living and walk in newness of life. Put your sins under the blood of Jesus, and they are gone.
2. They were to preach **remission of sins**. There will be remission (pardon or forgiveness) for their sins.
3. They were to preach **in His name**. Pardon is offered by the authority of Christ, only in Jesus' Name to all nations.
4. They were to preach **among all nations** but **begin in Jerusalem**.

⁴Preach the gospel "**first**" to the Jews. This was the dwelling of his murderers, and it shows

³ <http://www.lovetheLord.com/books/luke/59.html>

⁴ <http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Bible.show/sVerseID/26039/eVerseID/26039/RTD/Barnes>

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His readiness to forgive the vilest sinners. It was also the holy place of the temple, the habitation of God, and it was proper that pardon should be first proclaimed there.

24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things. Jesus lets them know that they are His witnesses in the earth realm because of what they had seen, and heard, and learned. They are truly firsthand witnesses to the truth of Jesus' Good News!

24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. Now Jesus is equipping them to be powerful witnesses. To accomplish this task,...

- Jesus gives the *"promise"* of His Father to come upon them. It is the power of the Holy Spirit. However...
- Their promise was that they were to *"tarry"* (wait) in the city of Jerusalem until **He** the power from on high would come upon them.

This power was to make them bold and effective witnesses among all nations. They would all be assembled in the Upper Room on one accord when God's Holy Ghost power would endow them (Acts 2).

SUMMARY:

Two of Jesus' followers have a conversation with Him. This occurrence was after His Resurrection and they are on the Road to Emmaus. But, they did not know it was Jesus. The conversation was so good that at one point they thought He was going to leave them, and they begged Him to stay. After this He broke bread with them, and their eyes were opened to know that it was Jesus risen from the dead. But then He disappeared from them **32** and they said one to another, *"Didn't our hearts burn within while He talked with us on the way, and while He opened to us the scripture?"* **33** Immediately they hastened back to Jerusalem to tell the apostles that they had been with Jesus. But before they could get it out, the disciples said **34** *"The Lord is risen and has appeared to Simon."* **35** The two from Emmaus now relate what had happened to them, and how they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. **(24:32-35)**.

36 Now, Jesus appears to the eleven and others there. He suddenly stood in their midst. He says *"Peace be unto you"* **37** but they are really startled because they think that they are seeing a ghost. With all the great news about others seeing Him, **38** you would wonder why they are troubled in their hearts, and doubting that He is before them? **39-40** Jesus allows them to look and even touch His hands and feet; just to get their minds at ease and to know that He is not a spirit. He says, *'would a spirit have flesh and bones?'* They now see for themselves as He shows them His hands and His feet. **41** They still weren't



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overcome by joy, so Jesus goes further; He's pulling out all the stops by asking for something to eat. **42** They give Him a piece of broiled fish and a honeycomb. It took everything in the book to convince these disciples that it was He. **43** He took the fish and honeycomb and ate before them (**24:36-43**).

44 Jesus lets them know that all of this had to be fulfilled as it was written in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms. **45** Their understanding was coming back to them as He began to teach what was written in the scriptures. **46** This is significant of who and what was prophesied of Jesus. He had to suffer. He had to rise from the dead the third day. **47** Repentance and remission of sins is to be preached in His Name among all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. **48** These are Jesus' witnesses who have seen Him in action and have witnessed His rising from the dead of scripture being fulfilled. Since these are His witnesses, **49** He's sending the promise of the Father (the Holy Spirit) to empower them in the work of the ministry. To receive this power from on high, they were to tarry in Jerusalem until the power clothed them. The Prophecies have been fulfilled from the Old Testament and the Promise is fulfilled in the Book of Acts 2 (the New) (**24:44-49**).

APPLICATION:

Just as Jesus had to open their understanding with what the scriptures said, we too as witnesses will have to continually pause and open the Word to understand, allowing the Holy Spirit to help us remember God's Word; the Word we read everyday. Fear will not arise, but His boldness to speak that same Word against opposition would rise because God's promise of the Holy Spirit has come!