

## LESSON 2- HIS RESURRECTION DESTINY! APRIL 12, 2020

**Background Scripture: Luke 24**

**Lesson Passage: Luke 24:35-49 (NKJV)**

**Introduction:** Our Lord's Cross is our gateway into His life: His Resurrection means that He has power now to convey His life to us. When we are born again, we receive from the Risen Lord His very life. Our Lord's Resurrection destiny is to bring "many sons unto glory" (Hebrews 2:10). The fulfilling of His destiny gives Him the right to make us sons and daughters of God. We are brought by the Son into the relation of sonship with God. When Our Lord rose from the dead, He rose to an absolutely new life, to a life He did not live before He was incarnate. He rose to a life that had never been before; and His resurrection means for us that we are raised to His risen life, not to our old life. One day we will have a body like His glorious body, but we can know now the value of His resurrection and walk in newness of life.

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

**Memory Verse:** *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. (Luke 24:46, 47) NKJV*

**Topic Explored:** "His Resurrection Destiny" ~ The disciples' initial response to the death of Christ was total devastation. Their response to the reports and evidence pointing to His resurrection was disbelief—hard core, persistent unbelief (Mark 16:14-15). They are hiding behind closed doors, or silently grieving in the safety of their own quarters ([Luke 24:12](#)). At the end of our text, the disciples' fear has turned to boldness; their confusion to conviction; their troubled spirits to joy; their wallowing in self-pity and disappointment to worship. The greatest reality of the resurrection that can be seen today is the reality that a body which is incapable of living in a way that pleases God and fulfills His commandments, which is subject to the power of sin, can be given life by the same Spirit that raised the dead body of our Lord to life. The Spirit who raised

Christ from the dead can give life to our dead bodies. Here is a reality, and destiny, of the resurrection which the disciples were soon to experience.

**Lesson Focus: Luke 24:35-49 ~ (NKJV)**

**Verse 35** ~ Forty days has passed since the Resurrection (Acts 1:3). Jesus convinced His disciples that He was raised from the dead, according to the Scriptures. The two disciples who intercepted Jesus on the road to Emmaus could not wait to tell the good news to their brethren at Jerusalem. Immediately after they recognized Jesus and He disappeared, they rushed back to Jerusalem, and to the disciples. However, Jesus had already appeared to Peter. The best these two could do was simply to add their testimony to the same truth. Jesus was really risen from the dead, and they believed it. When Jesus actually appeared, His first words to this group were, “Peace be with you”. They were “startled” and “troubled.” If they believed that He was really alive, as they professed, why would His appearance be such a shock? If Jesus had greeted with a pronouncement of “peace.” Why were they troubled?

Possibly because the disciples believed in ghosts, and, at the moment, they believed Jesus was a ghost. His appearance was not a normal one. How could Jesus have entered the room with the door closed? It was easier for the disciples to believe in a “ghostly” Jesus, than in a Jesus who was literally and physically present. The issue really comes down to “belief” or “unbelief.” The disciples thought they really believed. They said that they believed (Luke 24:34). But they did not really believe it (Mark 16:14).

**Verses 36-43** ~ The Lord standing before them. He was not, as they supposed, a ghost. He encouraged them to touch Him, and to see that He had flesh and bones. He also encouraged them to look at His hands and His feet. Both His hands and His feet bore the nail prints which He had from the cross. In this sense, at least, His body was “like” the body He had before His death. The body of our Lord was not like the former body in that it was not corruptible, and it was somehow capable of appearing and disappearing, as was evident in His appearance in the room where they met, with the door locked. Finally, Jesus ate some of the fish which they were eating, the final proof that His body was, indeed, a real one. The evidence was compelling. The disciples were convinced.

The “peace” of which our Lord spoke there had to do with the future, when His presence with His disciples was manifested through His Spirit, Who was yet to come. The peace of God and the presence of God are virtually inseparable. It is not surprising, then, that Jesus would show His disciples that He was physically present and speaks to them about peace.

**Verses 44-49** ~ With the two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus, Jesus began with the biblical evidence concerning His rejection, suffering, death, and resurrection. All of it has been prophesied in the Scriptures and foretold by the Lord Jesus. There are three specific areas of focus here: (1) the rejection, suffering, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; (2) the proclamation of the gospel to all nations; and, (3) the promise of the Holy Spirit, coming on the disciples to endue them with power. On several occasions Jesus told His disciples that this would be His divinely determined destiny (Luke 9:21-23; 9:44-45; 18:31-34). While the disciples did not grasp this truth, and even resisted what they knew of it, they needed only to be reminded that this is what He had told them. Twice now, in the last chapter of Luke’s gospel, Jesus referred to the prophecies of the Old Testament referring to His rejection, suffering, death, and resurrection. At least in His conversation with the two men on the road to Emmaus (24:27), Jesus specifically

referred to several Old Testament texts and explained them in the light of their fulfillment in Him.

**Verse 45** indicates to us that while there was an unbelief of which the disciples were guilty, and for which they were rebuked (Mark 16:14), there was also a natural inability to understand the Scriptures. Luke informs us that Jesus removed that veil, enabling the disciples to understand, for the first time, the Old Testament Scriptures pertaining to Him as Messiah (I Corinthians 2:7-16). It was not until after His resurrection that the eyes of the disciples were opened to understand all that the prophets had spoken pertaining to the ministry of the Messiah, and especially of His rejection, suffering, death, and resurrection. That veil was now removed. From this point on the disciples will turn to the Old Testament prophecies to prove the Jesus was the promised Messiah, and that all that happened to Him was a prophetic necessity.

**Verses 46-48** ~ The second facet of Old Testament prophecy to which Jesus pointed the disciples was the proclamation of the gospel to all nations, not just to Israel: It was written that the “Christ must suffer and rise on the third day,” and it was also written that “repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His Name to all nations.” Here was a truth just as difficult to grasp as the first. How the Jews resisted this aspect of Christ’s Messiahship (Luke 4:24-27). The universality of the gospel—the fact that the Messiah would die for the sins of all who would believe, Jew or Gentile—was one of the greatest irritations for the Jews, especially for those who did not see themselves as “sinners.”

**Verse 49** ~ The coming of the Holy Spirit was a “clothing with power from on high,” as Jesus said. It was also that which the Father had promised. This “promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4) had its roots in the Old Testament prophets (Joel 2; Isaiah 32:12-20; 44:1-5; 59:20-21). (Ezekiel 37:1-3a,11-14; 39:29). (Zechariah 12:10-14).

**Let’s talk about it. . .**

**Making it personal:**

- Jesus commanded His disciples, then and (you and me, now) not to go forth with their witness to the things which had happened apart from the power which He would provide through His Spirit. He who commanded the disciples to be His witnesses also commanded them only to witness in the power that He would provide. He Who commands is He who enables.

**Closing Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, we Thank You that You make all things new. Thank You for the victory and power that is in Your Name. Thank You that You hold the keys over death. We praise You that by Your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with You. Thank You that You had a plan of salvation only possible through Jesus Christ. In His Name we pray, Amen!”*