

The Gospel & The Four Gospels

The Last Words of Jesus

The Climax of the Gospel According to Luke

Luke 24

87% of Churchgoers say, "What we need most from our church is to help understand the Bible in depth."

Institute for Biblical Reading

Questions to Ponder on a regular basis

1. Are you satisfied with your current Bible reading plan?
2. Are you comfortable with the trajectory you are setting for your spiritual future?
3. Are you confident you will be more biblically alive five years from now?

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4. Are you regularly **making** Spirit-led changes that will manifest themselves in a more vibrant tomorrow?
5. Can you make a list of times when the Lord has directed you to make life changes based upon your Bible reading? Simply, can you testify to a time when the Spirit and the Word have called you to a new level of Christ-likeness?

Preparation to Discussing Luke 24

1. What is your Worldview?

- Put on Your Gospel glasses
- Gospel 1: Our Triune God Reigns
- Gospel 2: We are created to Rule

2. Take in the whole landscape of Luke.

- Think 2nd Reading of Scripture

Luke 1:1-4

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us,² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word.

³Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,⁴ **so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught**

Luke 1:1-4

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that *Jesus began to do and to teach*² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the *kingdom of God*.

Luke 24

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷“The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.”” ⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

The Road to Emmaus

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, **“What are you discussing together as you walk along?”** They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, **“Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”** ¹⁹**“What things?”** he asked.

¹⁹“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but *we had hoped* that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

³¹ *Then their eyes were opened and they recognized*

him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They

asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning

within us while he talked with us on the road and

opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem.

There they found the Eleven and those with them,
assembled together ³⁴and saying, “It is true! The

Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵Then

the two told what had happened on the way, and

how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the

bread.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, **“Do you have anything here to eat?”** ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.