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

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[Jesus appeared] “Behind locked doors, indicating that His body was of a different order. It was His glorified resurrection body... [Jesus gave them] the traditional greeting now given new significance by the resurrection.”

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Luke 24:37-39

37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. **38** He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? **39** Look 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.”

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John 20:19-20

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

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“Jesus’ resurrection is neither the simple resuscitation of His body nor the appearance of a disembodied spirit, but rather a true resurrection into a new and glorified body. It is the beginning - the firstfruits and guarantee - of the end-time resurrection of all believers.”

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Background Commentary**

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Luke 24:40-43

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

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“The disciples were hesitant to believe, to accept what they now knew was true, for it was too good to be true... Jesus planned to give additional evidence of His resurrection, for ghost, spirits, and disembodied souls do not eat... [eating the fish] shows again that the risen Jesus was not a disembodied spirit or angel, for they do not eat.”

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Luke 24:44

44 He 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.”

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“The three parts of the Hebrew OT indicating that the suffering, death (by execution), and resurrection of the Messiah were foreseen and foreshadowed in the OT Scriptures. Such a global claim sprang from the understanding that God, through the Messiah, came to bring about the full and final redemption of His people and the full restoration of all things.”

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1 Peter 1:10-11

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, **11** trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.

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Isaiah 42:1-4

1 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. **2** He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. **3** A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; **4** he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

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Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. **2** He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. **3** He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”

4 But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD’s hand, and my reward is with my God.” **5** And now the LORD says — he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength — **6** he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” 7 This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: “Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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Luke 24:45-49

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46** He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things. **49** I 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.”

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Isaiah 52:13-53:12

13 See, my servant will act wisely ;
he will be raised and lifted up and
highly exalted. **14** Just as there
were many who were appalled at
him — his appearance was so
disfigured beyond that of any
human being and his form marred
beyond human likeness—

15 so he will sprinkle many nations,
and kings will shut their mouths
because of him. For what they were
not told, they will see, and what they
have not heard, they will understand.

Isaiah 53:1-13

1 Who has believed our message and
to whom has the arm of the LORD
been revealed?

2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. **3** He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. **5** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **7** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. **9** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. **11** After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied ; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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“He undoubtedly taught them from the OT, as He had on the road to Emmaus. But the gist of the expression also seems to convey a supernatural opening of their minds to receive the truths He unfolded. Whereas their understanding was once dull, they finally saw clearly.”

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Luke 24:50-53

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

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**“The worship of Jesus in
Luke 24:52 brings the
Christology of the Gospel to
its culmination. “Who is this
Jesus?” is now fully
answered.”**

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Applications

- **Only the Holy Spirit can open our minds to understand the Bible**
- **To truly know Jesus we must read the Bible**
- **Jesus is Lord**

Final Thoughts

“We have an opportunity to share in that march of faith throughout history. God is at work in it all, fulfilling what He promised centuries ago in some ancient Jewish writings... The march of faith moves one era at a time, one person at a time, one testimony at a time.”

Darrell Bock

Final Thoughts

Luke 9:22-26

22 And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” **23** Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. **25** What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? **26** Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.