

Episode #615 Easter 2020 4: The Resurrected Rabbi

I. The death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ were the pivotal events in the history of God's work to redeem fallen mankind. All before these events was marked by man's failure in spite of all God did for them. After these events is marked by God's success in spite of all man can do against Him. Our salvation was granted to us by these great events.

II. The angels told the women the Lord had risen from the dead, but the disciples did not believe it. Yet the Lord had risen, and He appeared to two of them as they were traveling on the road to Emmaus. Their eyes were hidden from recognizing Him. He pretended ignorance of what they were talking about, and they told Him of the events in Jerusalem.

III. Luke 24:13-35. Two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

- A. Verses 22-24. They mention the women, call the angels a vision, and report that the men did not find the body, but neither did they find any angels or sign of the Lord.
- B. Verse 25. The Lord chides them. Their hearts (inner beings) had been slow to believe ALL the prophets' message. Foolish means without reflection.
- C. Verse 26. The prophets predicted this, so it ought to have happened!
- D. Verse 27. What a thing it would have been to hear Him set forth the Old Testament!
- E. Verses 28-29. The Greek indicates He WAS planning to go further. What may He have had to do? They try to detain Him, and He agrees to stay with them.
- A. Verse 30. It was very unusual for Him to do this. This blessing was the action of the host, not the guest, so this action would have stood out.
- B. Verse 31. Their eyes are opened at this familiar act. He becomes invisible, *aphantos*.
- C. Verse 32. They remember what it felt like to have Him expound the Scriptures.
- D. Verse 33. They run back to Jerusalem (about 8 miles), even this late in the evening, to report to the eleven what had happened to them. They find them already gathered.
- E. Verse 34. The Lord has appeared to Simon Peter in the meanwhile! We have no record of the details of this meeting anywhere in Scripture.
- F. Verse 35. They report their experience, and their recognition of Him.

IV. Luke 24:36-49. The Lord visits the twelve.

- A. Verse 36. The Lord appears! He is able to do this because of Who He is. This is a miracle, not just part of the resurrection body. "Peace" = Hebrew *shalom* = Greek *eirene*, a true union (with God).
- B. Verse 37. They are terrified! This is too much for their fledgling faith. They imagined He was a ghost!
- C. Verse 38. The Lord chides them for this idea and the doubts it implies.
- D. Verse 39. He is not a ghost, for He has a physical body. This proves we will not be spirits in the resurrection. This does not mean He does not have blood. Genesis 2:23, Eve was not anemic. See Ex. 12:46, Job 10:11, 33:21, Ps. 38:3, Pr. 3:8, Lam. 3:4, Micah 3:2,3, Eph. 5:30. Flesh and blood Gen. 9:4, Lev. 6:27, 17:11, 14, Num. 19:5, Deut. 32:42, Ps. 50:13, Is. 49:26, Jer. 51:35, Ez. 39:17, Zeph. 1:17, John 1:13, 6:53, 54, 55, 56, I Cor. 15:50, Gal. 1:16, Eph. 6:12, Heb. 2:14, 9:13. This was a common phrase, not something special. The Lord had blood in His resurrection body!
- E. Verses 40-43. His hands and feet still have the marks of crucifixion. Now they do not believe for joy rather than fear. He proves He is physical by eating food.
- F. Verse 44. He explains that all this fulfills His Own words and the Scriptures. There are three divisions of the Hebrew Old Testament, which He mentions here.

- G. Verse 45. Imagine the Lord opening your understanding this way!
 - H. Verse 46. His concluding statement. This was all in the plan.
 - I. Verses 47-48. Repentance = *metanoia*, to have the after-mind. Remission = *aphesin*, same as “forgiveness” in Acts 5:31, 13:38, 26:18, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14. Took place this way: Jerusalem first, then all nations. They will be witnesses through their testimony.
 - J. Verse 49. He will *apostello* commission the Spirit upon them. They are not to scatter yet, but remain in Jerusalem. Power from on high = spirit holy, the power of God to help them.
- V. Luke 24:50-53. The ascension.
- A. Verse 50. He leads them as far as Bethany. In Acts 1:12 we learn it was to the Mount of Olives. Blessed = *eulogeo*, He speaks well of them.
 - B. Verse 51. What parted them? Did they watch Him float into the sky, or did they watch Him supernaturally be transported to the place called “heaven”? However He went, He will return the same way! Acts 1:11. He lives in heaven still, the same Lord!
 - C. Verse 52. They worship, then return to Jerusalem as commanded.
 - D. Verse 53. They remain in the temple. All they do is still connected with Israel!
- VI. Conclusion: The resurrection of the Lord was a real, glorious event. The two on the road to Emmaus experienced it in their walk and conversation with the Lord. The twelve experienced it when He appeared to them where they were gathered together. In Bethany they watched Him ascend, but His plan was to continue, and they carried it on. Praise God for this resurrected Teacher! Let us live in the light of our living Lord every day of our lives.