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Worship & Mission

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The First Frame – The Empty Tomb



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The setup

Luke 24:1-3

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.

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Touched by two angels

Luke 24:4-8

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.

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They go and tell others

Luke 24:9-12

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 Second Frame – The Road to Emmaus



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The setup

Luke 24:13-17, 30-35

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?”

The Second Frame – The Road to Emmaus

The eye opening dinner

Luke 24:13-17, 30-35

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then 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?”

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Hearts ablaze

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Going to tell others

Luke 24:13-17, 30-35

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.

The Third Frame – Jesus appears to all



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Luke 24:36

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

Jesus did not walk through anything. The disciples did not see him take so many steps from the doors or the wall to their midst. He was there, and that was all. Luther [states]: “By this coming through locked doors is shown that since his resurrection in his kingdom on earth he is no longer bound to bodily, visible, tangible, mundane substance, *time, place, space, and the like*, but wants to be known and believed as ruling by his power everywhere present, having the will to be with us and help us in all places and at all times, when and where we need it, unfettered and unhindered by the world and all its might.”



The typical response

Fear

Luke 24:37a

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The typical response

Cognitive Dissonance: Is this Casper?

Luke 24:37b

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Four Proofs

Look at my hands and feet!

Luke 24:38-39a, 40

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I have flesh and blood

Luke 24:39b

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I can eat!

Luke 24:41-43

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Luke 24:44

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.”

Luke 9:22

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.”

Luke 18:31-34

³¹Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³²He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; ³³they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.” ³⁴The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

Luke 22:37

³⁷ It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

Isaiah 53:1-12

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

²He 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.

³He 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.

Isaiah 53:1-12

⁴Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵But 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.

⁶We 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.

Isaiah 53:1-12

⁷He 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.

⁸By 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.

⁹He 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.

Isaiah 53:1-12

¹⁰Yet 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.

¹¹After 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.

Isaiah 53:1-12

¹²Therefore 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.

“The solemn division of Scripture into *the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms* (the three divisions of the Hebrew Bible) indicates that there is no part of Scripture that does not bear its witness to Jesus.”



~ Leon Morris, *Luke* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1988), p. 373.



The opening of their minds

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Luke 24:45-47

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Though they had been his devoted followers, a spiritual veil had covered their understanding, so that on two occasions when he had foretold his death we read, “It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it” (Luke 9:45), and again, “The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about” (Luke 18:34; cf. 2 Corinthians 3:13–16).

But on Easter night the blinders were removed as the Holy Spirit opened their minds! What a dynamic combination – the Holy Scriptures illumined by the Holy Spirit. What they learned that night and in succeeding conversations during the forty days before Christ's ascension became the Biblical substance for the apostolic preaching of the gospel and their apostolic mission.

~ R. Kent Hughes, *Luke: That You May Know the Truth*, Preaching the Word, p. 415-416.

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Luke 24:48-49

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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. He is as present in our own sharing as he was in the commission Jesus issued to a small group of mostly Galilean followers in the first century. The march of faith moves one era at a time, one person at a time, one testimony at a time. Centuries ago, Luke wrote to reassure Theophilus that he belonged in that honored line of



march. Fortunately for us, God made sure that Theophilus was not the only one to be reassured about his grace through Jesus.

~ Darrell L. Bock, *Luke*, The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 626.

The Ascension of Jesus

Blessing, Kingship and Worship

Luke 24:50-53

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This worship of Jesus, in whom we see the deity, and who is deity in his person, will continue to all eternity. The visible presence of Jesus was gone, not to appear again as before, but when the disciples returned to Jerusalem, their hearts sang "with great joy." They were not bereaved but enriched. Their fear was gone; they no longer hid behind locked doors. They had a Lord and Savior in heaven, who ruled all things with his omnipotent and omnipresent power and would make good all his promises.



That is why Luke adds the statement that these disciples were continually in the Temple, blessing God. Their hearts were so full of gratitude that they naturally sought this outlet in their great place of worship, the Temple. Prudence would have hurried them off to their homes in Galilee. But Another directed them to stay right here in Jerusalem. No Sanhedrin frightened them; they went regularly and in public to the Temple – all men could see them. But they only worshipped, they did not preach – they waited. “Praising God” is Luke’s last word. It is fitting, indeed, as the final note. Close the book and also praise God!



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