“YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS”

Luke 24:1–53

Key Verses: 24:46–48

1. What was the day/time, and why did the women go to the tomb? (1) What two facts did they discover, and what did this suggest? (2,3) How did they respond, and why? (4a) Who were these men, and why had they come? (4b) How did the women respond to their appearance? (5) How did the men rebuke them? How do we still do this?
2. What is the good news? (6a) Why is the resurrection of Jesus such good news? Of what did they remind the women? (6b,7) When had Jesus predicted these things? (9:22; 18:31–33.) How did they respond? (8) What did they do after they left the tomb? (9,10) How did the apostles respond, and why? (11,12)
3. Where were two of them going, and why? (13) What were they still talking about? (14) Who came and walked along with them, and why couldn’t they recognize him? (15–16) Who did they talk about, and how did they describe him? (17–19; cf. Ac10:37–38) What else did they say? (20–24)
4. How did the Risen Jesus rebuke and teach them, and when had they heard these things before? (25–27; cf. 6b–7; 9:22,43b–45; 17:25; 18:31–34) How would the fulfillment of Scripture help them believe? (27) How does Scripture still make resurrection faith accessible to people today?
5. In Emmaus, what did Jesus do, why did they urge him to stay, and how did they recognize him? (28–31) What did they say after they realized who he was? (32) What does it mean to “open the Scriptures”? (see 27b) What did they do, and how had they changed? (33a) What did they find in Jerusalem, and how did God use them? (33b–35)
6. What did Jesus do and say, and why? (36; cf. 2:14; Ac10:36) How did they respond? (37) What questions did he ask, and why did he show them his hands and feet? (38–40) What else did he do and say to persuade them? (41–44) Why is the fulfillment of prophecies important? How could they understand? (45)
7. Read verses 46–48. What is the connection between Jesus’ death and resurrection and repentance and forgiveness of sins? Why “to all nations”? (cf. Ge12:3; 22:18b; Isa49:6) Why is their eyewitness testimony so important, and how would it impact all believers? (Ac1:21,22) How could they and we be “witnesses”? (49; cf. 1:17; 4:14; Ac1:8)
8. Look at verses 50–53. Where did he lead them? What did he do to them there? What happened to him? What did they do? What effect did his ascension have on them? Why were they full of “great joy”? What does this mean to us?