

Conversions

“From Death to Life”

Luke 24

4/17/22

Outline

Introduction: What Easter Celebrates

When 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. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. ³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

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.”

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.”

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.

If you want to have a relationship with the risen Lord, you have to...

I. Open Your Mind to God.

He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 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...” Then he opened their minds...” (vss. 38-39, 45)

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“Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” Romans 12:2

II. Open Your Heart to God’s Grace.

“Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.” (vss. 45-47)

“God says he will accept us and acquit us-declare us not guilty if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved the same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we’ve been like.” Romans 3:22 (Message)

III. Open Yourself to God.

“Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.” (vss. 52-53)