

Luke 24 – The Assurance of the Resurrection

I'm an inner-city Christian; but it seems that in these uncertain times that our faith is a bit unsettled. Sometimes the dark of this world appears to get the upper hand and even in our own lives we lose spiritual strength. Occasionally, we feel like Peter, sinking into the water, saying, "Lord Help!" That is when we need **The Assurance of The Resurrection.**

example: My friend Wes just died last Friday night.

1. The Problem of the Resurrection – vs. 13-24

Ammaus is sixty stadia distant from Jerusalem, about seven English miles and three-quarters. A stadium was about 243 yards, according to Arbuthnot.

- a. Their Hopes Were Crushed – v. 17 Greek word "they stood still and looked mournful"
- b. They were baffled at the question – v. 18 "Are you from a different planet?"
- c. They were truthful about their loss – vs. 19-24
verse 21 says "trusted" or "hoping" Greek word was.. *we expected it.* Jesus was supposed to free Israel.

So, what is next?

2. The Proof of the Resurrection – vs. 25-27

Jesus said, "Snap Out of It!" v. 25

a. The Proof of the Prophets – vs. 25-27

John 1:45, "Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, **We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write,** Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Exodus 17 The Saviour is the Rock who freely invites

Leviticus 17 From Him Flows Atonement.

Numbers 20 Reminds us the He is the Rock who gave living water.

Deuteronomy 32 This Rock is Messiah, **1 Corinthians 10:4** "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: **and that Rock was Christ.**"

(Deuteronomy 8:15; Nehemiah 9:15; Psalm 78:15-16; Psalm 105:41; Psalm 114:8; Isaiah 48:21; Isaiah 55:1)

b. Jesus Foretold and Proved It

1st Note: Matthew 16:21 (Mark 8:31) and be raised again the third day.

2nd Reminder: Matthew 17:22, 23 (Mark 9:31) and the third day he shall be raised again.

Final Notice: Matthew 20:18 (Mark 10:34) and the third day he shall rise again

c. **History Witnessed It**

The Thief on the Cross Luke 23:39-43

The Centurion - Matthew 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

The Soldiers - Matthew 28:4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

The Chief Priests Matthew 28:11-15.

The 11 Disciples Saw Christ - Matthew 28:16-18.

500 + EyeWitnesses Saw Christ - 1 Cor. 15:4-7

Lee Strobel, in his book, *The Case for Christ*, shows that there are over 24,000 ancient manuscripts and over 5,000 Greek manuscripts of the New Testament in existence. This is far more than any other ancient writings.

My living expectation

3. The Power of The Resurrection – vs. 28-32

This is a real and living expectation that will transform your heart from troubled to power-filled peace. Even though Melanie just lost her beloved husband, she knows that she will see him in Heaven. Even though the Disciples on that 7 mile road to Emmaus finally understood the WHY Jesus died, they knew right then and there that the Living Jesus the Christ was having dinner with them.

a. **Their Eyes Were Opened!!!** vs 28-31 They finally understood.

b. **Believers understand and LOVE the Word of Christ – v. 32**

Heaven is a glorious promise and daily life is full of glad opportunities. Believers in Christ get to read their Bible to understand EVERYTHING. We get to hear words of comfort and strength from just reading the Scripture. And then we get to talk to God directly like a child with their Father. A real relationship with the God who created and loves YOU!

Have you received this FREE gift of Salvation and Forgiveness

The Living Christ offers you? John 3:16

Are you a Believer having tough days in life? 1 Peter 5:7