



Sermon Discussion Questions
April 7, 2024

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Luke 24:36-49

1. **Opening Discussion Questions** (in a group setting you will probably only want to do one of these questions)
 - a. What is the most surprising situation you have ever found yourself in? How did you react to the surprise and how long did it take to adjust?
 - b. Describe a challenging situation you have experienced? What made it challenging? How successful were you in overcoming the challenge? What enabled you to do so?
2. **Sermon Outline/Key Points**
 - a. Concern #1 - Believe He Is Physically Alive After Having Died (vv36-43)
 - i. Jesus appeared in the midst of the disciples to prove He'd risen from the dead.
 - ii. Why is this so important to Jesus?
 - b. Concern #2 - Understand Scripture (vv44-46)
 - i. Jesus emphasizes His death and resurrection are consistent with OT Scripture
 - ii. Jesus wants you to understand Scripture!
 - c. Concern #3 - Proclaim the Gospel to All Nations (vv47-49)
 - i. Jesus gives them work to do.
 - ii. Jesus wants you to do this work too!
3. **Study/Discussion Points:**
 - a. **Sunday Afternoon** – As soon as possible after listening to the sermon set aside some time to ponder these questions prayerfully:
 - i. What one thing most stood out to you in this sermon?
 - ii. What new truth did you learn or of what truth were you reminded?
 - iii. After listening to the sermon, is there a Scripture passage you feel led to meditate on or commit to memory this week?
 - iv. What is one specific thing you feel God is leading you to do after hearing this message?
 - v. Did God convict you of a need to make any changes in your life and walk with Him?
 - b. **Monday** – *Jesus appeared in the midst of the disciples to prove He'd risen from the dead.*
 - i. Start your study by reading Luke 24:13-35 as background and then continue reading the focal passage, Luke 24:36-49.
 - ii. Between the four Gospels a total of ten or eleven post resurrection appearances are recorded but the Holy Spirit only inspires Luke to mention two. Focusing on verses 36 – 43:

1. What seems to be Luke's primary emphasis in relating this resurrection appearance?
 2. How are the disciple's reaction to Jesus' greeting exactly the opposite of what they should have been? Can you draw a parallel to how you have seen people react to the Good News when you shared it?
 3. This may, or may not, be the same appearance that is recorded in John 20:19. What detail does John provide that would help account for the disciples' reaction?
 4. What evidence is included in Luke 24:36-43 that Jesus' resurrection was a physical (bodily) one? Combining information from Luke and John, what supports the fact that Jesus' body was different – glorified – from that which was crucified?
- iii. In verse 38, Jesus asked them why they were troubled and why they had doubts. What is the difference between the two and how do you think you would have answered each question if you had been there as one of the disciples?
- c. Tuesday – Why is this so important to Jesus?*
- i. Jesus had told His disciples a number of times that he would suffer, die and be raised again (Matthew 12:40, 16:21, Luke 9:22, and John 2:19). In view of these predictions why would it have been important to Jesus that the disciples understood and believed He had indeed been physically resurrected? How do you think Deuteronomy 18:22 and Ezekiel 33:33 relate?
 - ii. Just before Jesus raised Lazarus, He told Martha that He was “the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.”
 1. What was Jesus promising?
 2. Why would the disciples have to believe in Jesus' resurrection if they were really going to believe this promise?
 - iii. What does Paul tell us about the importance of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:12-22? In what different ways should we find assurance and comfort in Christ's resurrection?
 - iv. The disciples had to struggle with the idea of someone being raised from the dead despite being eyewitnesses.
 1. On what do we base our belief and trust?
 2. How does Paul refute the notion, common in our society, that the disciples just made up the story or were suffering from a common hallucination with his testimony in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8?
- d. Wednesday – Jesus emphasizes His death and resurrection are consistent with Old Testament Scripture*
- i. Read Luke 24:44-46
 1. In our terminology, what does Jesus mean when He says, “the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms”?
 2. Read these passages from “the Law of Moses” and discuss/consider what they say about Christ:

- a. Genesis 3:15
 - b. Numbers 21:9
 - c. Deuteronomy 18:15
3. Likewise, these passages from the Prophets:
 - a. Isaiah 7:14
 - b. Ezekiel 34:23
 - c. Malachi 3:1
 4. The Psalms contain dramatic descriptions of Christ's suffering and resurrection. Read and contemplate the significance of these three:
 - a. Psalm 22
 - b. Psalm 16:9-11
 - c. Psalm 110:1
- ii. In Luke 24:36-43 Jesus provides physical evidence of His resurrection. In verses 44-46 He provides scriptural evidence. Which should be most important to us?
- e. **Thursday** – *Jesus wants you to understand Scripture!*
- i. What does Luke tell us was necessary before the disciples understood what the scriptures said about Christ (verse 45)
 1. How does God do the same for us (see John 14:26, 16:13-15 and Ephesians 1:13)?
 2. How does Romans 8:9-11 give us even greater hope and assurance?
 - ii. While the Holy Spirit's enlightenment is necessary to understanding Scripture, He does not force knowledge upon us. What does 2 Timothy 2:15 tell us is necessary (if you have one read the verse in the KJV)?
 - iii. Psalm 119:9-16 contains a series of actions we should pursue/implement in our lives. What should we do according to verse 9? 11? 14? 15? And 16?
 - iv. 2 Timothy 3:16 is not only an important verse telling us the origin of Scripture, but it also tells us four areas where it is particularly useful. In your daily devotions and in your everyday life how do you use Scripture for:
 1. Teaching?
 2. Rebuking?
 3. Correcting?
 4. Training in righteousness?
 - v. How would you differentiate between teaching and training in righteousness? Between rebuking and correcting?
- f. **Friday** – *Jesus gives them work to do.*
- i. Read the final segment of the focal passage, Luke 24:47-48. Here again Jesus provides an Old Testament scriptural basis for what He is going to tell them to do. How do these passages demonstrate what Jesus is saying:

1. Isaiah 40:3-5
 2. Isaiah 42:6
 3. Isaiah 49:6
 4. Isaiah 60:3
 5. Genesis 12:3
 6. 2 Samuel 7:12-13
- ii. Although we often think only of the passage in Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:47, Mark 13:9-11 and John 20:21-23 all combine to establish the Great Commission. Read all four passages and consider how they complement and reinforce each other. What are the common threads that run through the passages?
 - iii. These instructions had a great impact on the lives of the disciples. Read Paul's testimony in Acts 26:19-23. How seriously does it appear that he took Christ's Great Commission?
- g. *Saturday – Jesus wants us to do this work too!!*
- i. The focal passage ends with verse 49. Why in many ways is this the key verse to the disciples' future? Compare this verse to John 14:16-17 & 26, John 15:26 and 16:7. How does/should His promise affect what we do today?
 - ii. Thursday we read 2 Timothy 3:16 considering what God-breathed Scripture is useful for in our lives. Now read verse 17.
 1. According to this verse what would appear to be the end (ultimate) objective of Bible study?
 2. Based on the Scriptures examined this week what do you think is the most important "good work"?

4. Application:

- a. The Great Commission passages emphasize reaching "all nations." Today there are approximately 3.4 billion people in 7,279 unreached people groups (nations in Biblical terminology). Consider prayerfully what "good work" God wants you and LRBC to do to help reach these people.
- b. In the focal passage Jesus emphasizes the importance of the Scriptures. Consider how God might want you to go deeper in your study of His word. Perhaps it might be participation in a Thrive Group or other Bible study, maybe a more serious plan to memorize His word, or if you are not already, following a daily Bible reading plan. Be open to where the Holy Spirit leads.

5. Prayer Points:

- a. Adoration – Psalms 8:1 and 29:1-2
- b. Confession – Proverbs 28:13 and 1 John 1:8-10
- c. Thanksgiving – Psalms 95:1-2 and 100:4-5
- d. Supplications – Matthew 21:22 and John 16:19