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Luke 24
Affirming Appearances Abound

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Key verse, 6a, "He is not here, but He has risen."

Luke 24:27 teaches from Jesus' own words that all of Scripture is about Him. Meditate on this truth, it's all about Him.

Appearances recorded in this account: the two on the road to Emmaus, and the eleven, note that in verse 33 along with the eleven were those who were with them. Jesus said to them, you are My witnesses. Other gospels record even more appearances after the resurrection of Jesus.

Looking back to verses 7 and 26 one is reminded that it was **necessary** for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory. This is the "gospel," this is the "good news," the "redemption" of mankind is paid for all who believe on Christ Jesus' sacrificial atonement for salvation.

As the two travelers on the Emmaus walked along the Bible says that their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him in verse 16. Later in verse 31 the Scriptures record that as they had been listening to Jesus teach from the Scriptures, their eyes were opened. **Romans 1:16** says this so well, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." Let's be thankful for the Word of God! (NASB)

The two men who had their eyes opened now return immediately to Jerusalem to tell the others that Jesus was alive, He was risen from the dead!

Believers can read and understand the Scriptures, we read this in **Luke 24:45**, "Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,"

Also consider **I Corinthians 2:14-16**, "14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 16 For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ." (NASB)

Luke 24:51 records the ascension of Jesus into heaven. **Acts 1:11** says the following, "They also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.'" (NASB)

Jesus is coming back, are you ready to meet Him? Are you saved?