

# A Closer Look at

LUKE 24:1-45 (NKJV)

# Discern & Partake of the Lord's Supper

## The Body

Luke 24:1-6 (NIV)

- 1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.
- 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
- 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
- 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.
- 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"
- 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:

# Hebrews 4:12 (KJV)

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

# Luke 24:46-47 (NKJV)

- **The Blood**

**46** Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

**47** and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

# Luke 24:1-45 (NKJV)

**1** Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

**2** But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

**3** Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

**4** And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

**5** Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

7 saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

8 And they remembered His words.

9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles.

**11** And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

**12** But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

**13** Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.

**14** And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

**15** So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.



**16** But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

**17** And He said to them, “What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?”

**18** Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?”

**19** And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

**20** and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.



21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.

23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.

24 And certain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found *it* just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.”

25 Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

### The Disciples' Eyes Opened

28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther.

29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.

30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

32 And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”

33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together,

34 saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”

35 And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

## • Jesus Appears to His Disciples

**36** Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

**37** But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.

**38** And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

**39** Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

**40** When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

43 And He took *it* and ate in their presence.

- **The Scriptures Opened**

44 Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me."

45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

# Noteworthy

- ❖ The individuals in this chapter were disciples.
- ❖ Let's examine
  - 7 conditions which disciples are prone to and how to remedy.
  - Some benefits when scriptures open-up to you.



# Jesus told His disciples at least 3x that He will die

## (a) Matthew 16:21 (NIV)

**21** From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

## (b) Matthew 17-22-23 (NIV)

**22** When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.

**23** They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.” And the disciples were filled with grief.



# Jesus told His disciples at least 3x that He will die

## (c) Matthew 20:17-19 (NIV)

**17** Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them,

**18** “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death

**19** and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

# (1) Confusion

1 Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

## (2) Fear

5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

## (3) Forgetfulness

6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

7 saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

8 And they remembered His words.

## (4) Unbelieve about Kingdom possibilities

**10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles.

**11** And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

## (5) Marvel (wonder)

**12** But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

## (6) Reasoning

**13** Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.

**14** And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

**15** So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.



## (7) Lack of accurate and precise knowledge of Jesus

16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

“Know” – The Greek word used here is “epiginóskó”  
which means – to know exactly  
– to know accurately; thoroughly  
– to know well

# Solution

## Luke 24:30-32 NKJV

**30** Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them.

**31** Then their eyes were opened and they **knew** Him; and He vanished from their sight.

**32** And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”

# Solution

## Break bread

- It has both a physical and spiritual implication.
- The bread is symbolic of the body of Jesus (who is the Word).

(1) One way to know Jesus accurately is to breakdown (open-up) the Word of God.

**pethach: an opening, unfolding**

**Psalm 119:130**

**ASV** - The **opening** of thy words giveth light; It giveth understanding unto the simple.

**NIV** - The **unfolding** of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

**KJB** - The **entrance** of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

**NLT** - The **teaching** of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.

# Some benefits when the word opens-up to YOU

## (1) Enlightened

Psalm 119:130

## (2) You will not be silent

**33** So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together,

**34** saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”

**35** Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

# Some benefits when the word opens-up to YOU

## (3) Convinced

NKJV

**33** So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together,

**34** saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”

NLT

**34** who said, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.”

# Some benefits when the word opens-up to YOU

(4) A transition from “acquainting” with the Word to having “accurate knowledge” of the Word.

- From “ginóskó” to “epiginóskó”

35 And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was **known** to them in the breaking of bread.

Note:

- ginóskó: to come to know, recognize, perceive
- epiginóskó: to know exactly; to know accurately; to know well



# Some benefits when the word opens-up to YOU

## (5) Understanding is gained

- The breaking of the Word precedes understanding.
- If the Word does not open-up to us, we can not understand.
- When the Word opens-up then our understanding can open-up.

**44** Then He said to them, “These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me.”

**45** And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

# Prayer points

(1) Receive the Spirit of understanding

**Isaiah 11:2 (NIV)**

**2**The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

(2) Receive grace to endure sound teachings

**Psalms 119:130 (NLT)**

**130**The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.

(3) Receive patience to search scripture until you gain understanding

**Proverbs 25:2 (NIV)**

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.

## Declaration!!

- May your understanding be opened so that you may comprehend scriptures.

- Galatians 2:2 (KJV)

And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.