

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST Luke 24:13-48

The Key that Unlocks the Mystery

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Introduction:

1. **They Thought They Had Planned the Perfect Murder...**
 - The fake High Priest planned the perfect murder of the True High Priest.
2. **They Thought They Had the Perfect Plan...**
 - Judas a disciple of Jesus would betray Him at night and avoid a riot from crowds
3. **They Thought They Had the Perfect Cover-up...**
 - Forcing Pilate to condemn Jesus for Treason against Rome.
4. **They Thought they had planned the Perfect Murder, and Perfect Cover-up**
 - They Didn't Realize, it wasn't really Jesus on Trial—they were ones on trial
 - By Killing Jesus they Condemned Themselves...
 - and Satan, who thought he would have victory, but was actually his defeat

I. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS A PARADIGM-SHATTERING HISTORICAL EVENT ¹

A. FALSE PARADIGMS CAUSE CONFUSION

1. **A Paradigm is a world-view framework...**
 - a) Typically it's just a Patchwork of beliefs gathered like driftwood over many years
 - b) Just wired together with duct tape, and baling wire and some JB Weld!
2. **And Most people don't even question their paradigm...**
 - a) because that would require Introspection and Meta-Cognition...
 - b) Actually THINKING about Your Thoughts —
 - c) Or questioning your thinking of your thoughts.
3. **And Any Paradigm is not free from your own biases...**
 - People Believe what they want to believe for their own purposes
 - a) That's Why Some Paradigm's are Popular—they become the "Spirit of the Age"
 - b) Even the News is no longer News—it is Narrative

It Has to Fit the Correct Narrative of the Prevailing Paradigm

***Evolution, Atheism, Socialism, Marxism, Communism, Fatalism, Calvinism are Paradigms
Critical Race Theory, All the Gender Dysphoria nonsense is a Paradigm***

"The heart has it's reasons which reason knows nothing of" (Blaise Pascal).

B. THE RESURRECTION IS A PARADIGM SHATTERING EVENT WHICH IS WHY EVEN THE DISCIPLES COULDN'T UNDERSTAND (v.13-24)

Jesus is walking with them but they don't Recognize Him! —WHY?

¹ Point made by Timothy Keller, Clothed With Power—April 20, 2014

1. **The Crucifixion Was Not What they Expected to Happen**
 - a) The Death of the Messiah did not meet their expectations
Or fit their pre-conceived views of the messiah
 - b) They Were Thinking of the Messiah in Nationalist Israel Terms
A National Savior of Israel against Roman Oppression!
2. **They Did Not Understand the Scriptures, the prophecies or the plan**
 - a) They had Interpreted the Scriptures through their OWN Paradigm
3. **And They Lacked Faith...**
 - a) We Think God should want what we want
 - b) God should rule they way we would rule

C. FALSE PARADIGMS CAUSE THE SAME CONFUSION TODAY

1. **So Many Refuse to Recognize the truth of Jesus—WHY?**
 - a) To accept the truth is to admit they were wrong...
 - b) To accept the truth is to deny the Paradigm they've grown comfortable in
 - c) To accept the truth is to admit their life had been lived according to a lie
2. **Cognitive Dissonance caused by Truth throws them into Existential Crisis!**
 - a) Their world-view was Built on Sand—not on the Rock
 - b) When that False Paradigm comes crashing down it is scary and it's not pretty
 - c) That's when a Mental, Emotional and Spiritual breakdown can happen

“This is the consequence of turning your God-given soul over to human dogma, you become a puppet for these (godless) ideas and agendas working behind the scenes. You think you have the ideas, but think again, they have you. And when they use you for their purpose, they will discard you, you can be certain of that. And you will be lucky if there's anything left of you afterwards.”

(Jordon Peterson quoting Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Gulag Archealepo)

That is Exactly What Happened to JUDAS ISCARIOT—He Sold His God-given soul for a lie
—and when satan was done w/ him there was nothing left of him on this side of eternity

II. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS OPENS OUR EYES TO THE TRUTH

**The Resurrection of Jesus is a Paradigm Shattering Historical Event
—The Key That Unlocks the Scriptures and Opens Our Eyes to the Truth!**

A. THE TRUTH OF JESUS' MISSION > (v.25-27)

1. **What Was Jesus Telling Them? He Expounded (explained)
the Mystery from Moses and the Prophets—all pointing to Him!**
 - (1) The Seed of the Woman, whose heel was bruised, who crushed the serpents head
 - (2) The blessing of Abraham to all nations.
 - (3) The High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.
 - (4) The Lion of the Tribe of Judah.
 - (5) The voice from the burning bush.

- (6) The Passover Lamb.
- (7) The Prophet greater than Moses.
- (8) The Savior who's hands were pierced from Psalm 22.
- (9) The Good Shepherd of Psalm 23.
- (10) The Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53.
- (11) The Messiah of Daniel who would establish a kingdom that would never end.

2. This was the Mystery the Angels and the Prophets Desired to know...

- a) How Jesus Would Ultimately Defeat Satan, Sin and Death...

B. THE TRUTH OF JESUS' RESURRECTION > (v.28-35)

- 1. **They Still Didn't Know This was Jesus Alive from the Dead!**
- 2. **But as Jesus taught them from Scripture...**
- 3. **As His Pierced Hands broke the Bread...**
- 4. **Their Hearts Were Burning and their Eyes were Opened
to Recognize the Risen Savior Jesus!**

C. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS OPENS OUR EYES TO THE TRUTH

- 1. **God Exists**
- 2. **That Nothing is Impossible for God**
- 3. **There is Life after Death**
- 4. **He can bring the dead back to life**
- 5. **Death is not the End—it is the Beginning**
- 6. **That Every Person that Ever Lived and died in History is Alive Right NOW!**
- 7. **Jesus is the Son of God**
- 8. **Jesus is King with All Authority in Heaven and Earth**
- 9. **God Wins!**
- 10. **The Devil Does NOT have the Last Say**
- 11. **Death Does NOT Have the Last Say**
- 12. **The Paradigms of the World Lead to Death—God leads to Life**
- 13. **That ALL the Graves will be opened & the Dead will Rise at His voice**
- 14. **Yet Some Still Refuse the Truth Because it Doesn't Fit their Paradigm**
 - a) The Rich Man who Lived in Luxury believed a false-paradigm...
 - b) And when He opened his eyes in hades he realized he was wrong
 - c) He wanted Lazarus to go back and warn his brothers...
 - d) But Abraham said they have Moses and the Prophets...
 - e) The Rich man said, yes but they will listen if someone goes to tell them
 - f) Abraham: If they won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, then they won't believe even if one comes back from the dead
 - g) This Man's Paradigm Was Totally Destroyed because it was built on a LIE
- 15. **Jesus came back from the Dead—but Hard Hearts Still Cannot See...**
 - a) The world is so accustomed to death we have a hard time believing that even Jesus can overcome death! **(John 11:25–26)**

III. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS THE ONE THING THAT GIVES HOPE IN A WORLD OF DESPAIR (v.36-48)

A. BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION—WE DON'T HAVE TO BE TROUBLED BY FEAR AND DOUBT

1. **Notice the First Thing Jesus Says: Peace to You!**
 - a) He Explains to Them the Reality of the Resurrection...
 - b) He Explains how the suffering of the Cross was Necessary...
 - c) And the Hope that is Now Shared with All Nations of the World!
2. **Jesus defeated Satan, Sin and Death at the Cross for us!**
 - a) The Pharaohs are gone, the Herods, the Ceasars, the Dictators...
 - b) all the Corrupt Rulers of the kingdoms of men—
 - c) All the Tyrants Who Persecuted God's People—ALL GONE
3. **But Jesus is Alive forevermore at the right hand of God NOW!**
 - a) Now We Don't Have to Fear Death – We Can Be Alive in Christ
 - b) Death was an Enemy—but now for the Christian Death it is just a door
 - c) The darkest door that leads to the brightest light

B. BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION—WE ARE NOT ALONE

1. **Jesus said, Behold I am with you always, even unto the end of the age!**
 - a) Since Jesus is alive forevermore—He is with His people forevermore (Jn 14:23-24)
2. **And His Blood Created an Eternal Family of God the Church**
so we have each other
3. **As Our Eternal High Priest He is Making Intercession for us Now!**
(Romans 8:33-34)

C. BECAUSE OF THE RESURRECTION—JESUS HAS PREPARED AN ETERNAL DWELLING PLACE FOR US

1. **The Disciples Didn't Want Jesus to Leave! But it was necessary...**
 - a) To be our Mediator and intercessor at the right hand of God
 - b) To be enthroned as King with all authority in heaven and on earth
 - c) And to prepare an eternal dwelling for His People (John 14:1-3)

CONCLUSION:

1. **Yes, Their Hearts Burned Within Them As Jesus Spoke to Them**
–Their Eyes Were Opened to See the Truth of Jesus Resurrection
–And Many Eyes Have Been Opened to The Love of Christ Since...

As Napoleon said:

“Across the chasm of eighteen hundred years Jesus Christ makes a demand which is beyond all others difficult to satisfy. He asks for that which a philosophy may often seek in vain at the hands of his friends, or a father of his children, or a bride of her spouse, or a man of his brother. He asks for the human heart; He will have it entirely to Himself; He demands it unconditionally, and His demand is granted. Its powers and faculties become an annexation to the empire of Christ. All who sincerely believe in Him experience that supernatural love towards Him. This phenomenon is unaccountable, it is altogether beyond the scope of man’s creative powers. Time, the great destroyer, can neither exhaust its strength nor put a limit to its range.”

“Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him” (Napoleon Bonaparte)

**2. The Life of Jesus — is the True Expression of God’s Nature
The Death of Jesus — was the Supreme Expression of God’s Love
The Resurrection of Jesus — is the proof of Eternal Life**

**3. He Died for Us — and so we live for Him
We died for Him in Baptism — and now He lives in Us in Spirit!**

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” (Romans 8:11)

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (Jn 11:25)