

LUKE I The Resurrection & Ascension Luke 24:36–53

He Makes All Things New

1. We've reached the end of the book of Luke—but we discover exactly what the disciples discovered—The End is not the end—but a new Beginning!
 2. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only a historic fact—it is the miracle of all miracles... the beginning of the new creation that gives us hope and meaning.
 3. And Luke ends this book—with a beautiful summary of the gospel good news
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I. THE RESURRECTION & ASCENSION OF JESUS

(1) PEACE: Jesus Brings Peace (v.36-37)

1. **Jesus had been talking with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus...**
 - a) Then He Vanished from their sight! They Run Back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples
 - b) Now Jesus Suddenly Appears in the Room when the doors were shut! (John 20:19).
 - c) That must've been a shocking surprise!
2. **But Notice the 1st thing Jesus says to His Disciples after His resurrection!**
 - a) These are the disciples who had just forsaken the Lord just days before
 - b) These are the men who fled in fear — leaving Jesus to die alone.
 - c) But Instead of Criticizing them—He is Encouraging them!
3. **Jesus is a Peace-Maker and a Peace-Giver**

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)
4. **But Now This Has New Meaning—since He is Alive from the Dead!**
 - a) Jesus paid our debt in full by His blood at the cross
 - b) Jesus took the Wrath of God upon Himself—to save us from eternal darkness
 - c) We can now have peace with God / Peace within ourself / Peace with Others
 - d) The Peace that surpasses understanding!

(2) VICTORY: Jesus Overcame Death (v.38-43)

1. **Jesus died the most horrible death ever devised by the evil hearts of men —Execution by crucifixion as a criminal on a cross...**
 - a) But God Vindicated Him—by raising Him from the dead—
 - b) Giving Him All Authority in Heaven and on Earth
 - c) Including Power over Life and Death Itself!
2. **It must've been so astonishing... overwhelming...**
 - a) because the last time they had seen Jesus—He was dead on a cross
 - b) Now He is Alive From the Dead—and standing in front of them!
3. **Notice How Jesus is Reassuring them of the Truth—and the Evidence...**
 - a) He is showing them the physical forensic evidence He is Alive from the Dead!
 - b) He shows them His Hands and His Feet... where the nails had been!
 - c) He Even showed them His pierced side! (John 20:19–20)

4. Jesus now has complete victory over death

a) *"I am ... the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades" (Rev. 1:17–18).*

5. So that we can share in His victory over death

He "has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Tim 1:10).

(3) GRACE: Jesus Offers Forgiveness of Sin (v.44-48)

1. The Cross was not some unfortunate event to be avoided—it was the very instrument of death that God chose from before time began

- a) A 1,000 years before the Assyrians even invented crucifixion...
- b) it was prophesied in (Psalm 22:16) *"They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.*

**2. The cross was chosen by God Himself—for His eternal plan to save man
But Why? So that We Could Be Saved by GRACE—
—which is the ONLY way we could be saved.**

- a) We couldn't atone for our own sins / or pay for our own sins / or forgive our own sins
- b) Only God could save us from the horrible penalties of our sins against Him
- c) Jesus paid our debt in full by His blood.
- d) G.R.A.C.E. G—God's R—riches A—at C—Christ's E—Expense

3. Repentance and Remission of Sin would be first preached in Jerusalem...

- a) The city that stoned the prophets and killed the servants God had sent to her
- b) The city that rejected Jesus the Messiah—and plotted His murder
- c) The city that crucified our Lord—is the city offered forgiveness of sins first

4. Grace is a gift that no one deserves—

in fact it's the OPPOSITE of what we deserve. (Romans 6:23)

(4) POWER: Jesus Provides Spiritual Power (v.49)

1. Jesus was going to send them out on the great commission—

- a) to preach the gospel and change the world—
- b) What seems like Mission Impossible!

2. But They Would Not Be Alone—He would send them the Holy Spirit

- a) To guide them, help them, strengthen them, comfort them,
- b) To Empower them to preach the gospel and change the world!

3. Changing Your Life Might Seem Like Mission Impossible to You...

- a) How Can We Change Our LIFE—If We Cannot Change Our PAST?
- b) How Can We Change Our LIFE—If We Can't Change OURSELF?

4. But Jesus Has Not Left You Alone to Accomplish Mission Impossible

- a) The Holy Spirit is also promised to all of God's children (Acts 2:37-38)
- b) Before we believe or repent or are baptized we are a dead man walking
- c) Physically Alive but Spiritually Dead

5. **When we Trust and Obey God's Plan to Save Man—**
to Believe, Repent and be Buried With Him in Baptism—
—we are Born Again as a Child of God—a new creation in Christ!
6. **Not Only are we FORGIVEN of ALL PAST sin—**
which is itself a total game-changer!
7. **We are EMPOWERED to LIVE A NEW LIFE! [CHART]**
 - a) **To step out of the Person you Were—**
and Become the Person You Were Meant To Be! (Romans 8:11)

(5) INTERCESSION: Jesus Ascended to Heaven (v.50-51)

1. Jesus ascended to Heaven to receive a throne and a kingdom
2. His Disciples had a Friend on earth—now they have a Friend in Heaven!
3. Who is Now at the Right Hand of God Interceding for you and me!
(Romans 8:33-34)

(6) JOY: Jesus Provides True Joy (v.52-53)

1. True Joy is not just a shallow emotion—it is bigger and deeper than that...
It is a spiritual joy and peace that surpasses understanding.
2. A Heart of Joy Can Only Be Found in God Through Christ Who Died for us
*CS Lewis: God cannot give us joy and peace apart from Himself,
because it is not there. There is no such thing."*
3. A Joy of being Forgiven, being Accepted, being Loved, & Saved by God
(John 15:9-11)
4. A Joy no one can take from you! – A Peace that Surpasses Understanding

It was described as "The smile of God reflected in the soul of the believer, the heart's calm after Calvary's storm, the conviction that God who spared not his own Son will surely also, along with Him, freely give us all things (Romans 8:32)." (Hendriksen)

(7) NEW LIFE: In Christ the End Becomes a New Beginning

1. In Christ you are a new creation, for a new heavens and a new earth...
2. A New Hope, New Beginning, a New Future, a new Friend, a new Family
3. Jesus makes all things new (Revelation 21:3–5)

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega... the beginning and the end...
2. The resurrection and the life (John 11:25-26)

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