

**Jesus Commissions the Disciples and Ascends to Heaven**

Luke 24:36 - 53

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
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**Jesus appears and announces peace**

■ **Luke 24:36**

While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be to you."

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**Jesus has a corporeal nature**

■ **Luke 24:37-39**

But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

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## More proof that Jesus has a real body

### ■ Luke 24:41 - 43

And while they still could not believe it for joy and were marveling, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; and He took it and ate it before them.

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## Theme in Luke = divine necessity

### ■ Luke 24:44, 45

Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

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## The Great Commission

### ■ Luke 24:46, 47

and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

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The disciples will testify of the truth

■ **Luke 24:48**

You are witnesses of these things.

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The disciples will receive the  
Holy Spirit

■ **Luke 24:49**

“And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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Jesus blesses them and ascends to  
heaven

■ **Luke 24:50, 51**

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

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## Jesus is a proper object of worship

### ■ Luke 24:52, 53

And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God.

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## Applications and Implications

- 1) The true Jesus has a real body and is in heaven at the right hand of God
- 2) Repentance is to be preached to all people as part of the universal call
- 3) True Christian witness requires the anointing of the Holy Spirit

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- 1) The true Jesus has a real body and is in heaven at the right hand of God

### ■ 1John 4:1, 2

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

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- 1) The true Jesus has a real body and is in heaven at the right hand of God

■ **Hebrews 10:12, 13**

but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.

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- 1) The true Jesus has a real body and is in heaven at the right hand of God

■ **Romans 8:33, 34**

Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

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- 2) Repentance is to be preached to all people as part of the universal call

■ **Acts 17:30, 31**

Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.

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2) Repentance is to be preached to all people  
as part of the universal call

■ **Acts 26:17, 18**

rescuing you from the Jewish people and  
from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending  
you, to open their eyes so that they may turn  
from darkness to light and from the  
dominion of Satan to God, that they may  
receive forgiveness of sins and an  
inheritance among those who have been  
sanctified by faith in Me.

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2) Repentance is to be preached to all people  
as part of the universal call

■ **Acts 26:19, 20**

So, King Agrippa, I did not prove  
disobedient to the heavenly vision, but kept  
declaring both to those of Damascus first,  
and also at Jerusalem and then throughout  
all the region of Judea, and even to the  
Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to  
God, performing deeds appropriate to  
repentance.

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2) Repentance is to be preached to all people  
as part of the universal call

■ **Mark 1:14, 15**

Now after John had been taken into  
custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching  
the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is  
fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;  
repent and believe in the gospel."

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3) True Christian witness requires the anointing of the Holy Spirit

■ **John 15:26**

When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,

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3) True Christian witness requires the anointing of the Holy Spirit

■ **Acts 1:8**

but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

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