

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 9) 04 Mar..... Luke 1:1-80.....A Special Baby – Rejoice
- 10) 11 Mar..... Luke 2:1-52.....A Unique Person – Praise God
- 11) 18 Mar..... Luke 3:1 – 4:30.....An Unexpected Messiah – Honor Him
- 12) 25 Mar..... Luke 4:31 – 6:11.....Christianity 101 – Accept Others
- 13) 01 Apr..... Luke 6:12 – 8:56.....Christianity 102 – Live to Benefit Others
- 14) 08 Apr..... Luke 24:13-35.....Be Confident of the Resurrection
- 15) 15 Apr..... Luke 9:1-50.....Christianity 103 – Meet Needs
- 16) 22 Apr..... Luke 9:51 – 13:21.....Christianity 104 – Be Good Neighbors
- 17) 29 Apr..... Luke 13:22 – 17:10.....Christianity 105 – Manage Money Well
- 18) 06 May..... Luke 17:11 – 19:27.....Christianity 106 – Learn to Pray
- 19) 13 May..... Luke 19:28 – 22:65.....He Voluntarily Suffered – Be Grateful
- 20) 20 May..... Luke 22:66 – 23:49.....He Offers Salvation – Believe
- 21) 27 May..... Luke 23:50 – 24:1-12,36-53.....He Lives Eternally – Carry On

INTRODUCTION

- If the Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our faith why would so few details be provided in the Gospels?
- Matthew’s account constitutes less than 5% of his Gospel; Mark gave 6% of his story to the resurrection; Luke 4%; and John 9%.
- Can the resurrection be scientifically proved? Only by accepting mathematical probability of prophetic fulfillment in Jesus Christ
- Can the resurrection be historically verified Yes ...Beyond all doubt? No. Beyond reasonable doubt? Yes
 - ♦ We have more secular historical evidence for Jesus Christ (10 sources) than we do for His contemporary, Augustus Caesar (8)
- Credibility of the Resurrection is actually strengthened since the Gospel writers did not embellish their various claims

Passage	Comments
24:36-49	<p>The Reality of the Risen Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The disciples still had doubts even though Jesus was standing before them, and they were seeing, touching and hearing him • v42. Finally, when Jesus ate something their minds began to accept what their senses were telling them • v45. Jesus still had to do the miraculous to “open their minds” to understand the Scriptures about Him • What makes us hear things but not perceive things? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Low IQ or Insufficient Information B. Stubbornness or Pride C. Immaturity D. All of the Above • How can we remove some barriers to perceiving truth? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Spend More Time In God’s Word B. Spend More Time Praying for Wisdom C. Spend More Time Listening, Less Talking D. All of the Above
24:50-53	<p>The Ascension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke was the only Gospel writer to record the ascension of Christ – again, no fanfare – just the facts • Scripture tells us Jesus appeared to more than 500 of His disciples over 40 days..... Acts 1:3; 1Cor 15:5-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Why did He only appear to His followers? ♦ Why didn’t Jesus appear to Pilate? To Herod? To the High Priest? To the Sanhedrin? To the Roman soldiers who tortured Him?

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Luke 23:50-56	<p>The Burial of Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All we know about the man who buried Jesus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nis name was Joseph 2. He was good and righteous 3. His home town was Arimathea (unknown location) 4. He looked forward to God’s kingdom 5. He was rich – and compassionate enough to give away his own personal tomb to bury a poor man 6. He was a secret disciple (Jn 19:38), yet bold enough to go to Pilate & risk debarment from the Sanhedrin 7. He did not agree to the death of Jesus, but he could not change the course of events • We may be scared, nervous, & concerned about what people think about us when we witness for our Savior, yet God takes note of our every deed & word & thought
24:1-12	<p>Resurrection Morning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. The stone was rolled away to allow the women to walk in, not for Jesus to walk out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Mary Magdalene – was healed of 7 demons and supported the Lord’s work financially..... Luke 8:2-3 ♦ Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, also supported the Lord’s work financially..... Luke 8:3 ♦ Aunt Mary, the wife of Cleophas/Alpheus, the mother of James the less (Junior) and Joses. She was also the sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus cp Mt 27:56,61; 28:1; Mk 15:40,47; 16:1; Jn 19:25 ♦ Salome, the wife of Zebedee, the mother of James and John..... cp Mt 4:21; 20:20; 27:56; Mk 15:40 ♦ “Other women” – possibly Mary, Martha, Susanna • v12. Peter & John then ran to the tomb..... John 20:3-10
Jewish Burial Custom	<p>Preparing a body for burial included washing it, anointing it with oils and spices (such as sandalwood, myrrh, spikenard, frankincense, fir balsam, myrtle, pine, cypress and spruce with extra virgin olive oil), and wrapping the body in a special linen cloth. It was not a one-person job</p>

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- God gives sufficient and credible evidence for people to reliably and confidently place their faith in Him, but not overwhelming evidence to force people to believe..... Acts 1:3; 17:31

NEXT WEEK: **Joshua 1**. Joshua picks up where Moses left off – the conquest of the Promised Land. We will deal with tough theological issues such as does God condone genocide – the unmerciful annihilation of entire people groups. We will also come to grips with supernatural wonders such as the Sun standing still for a whole day, and how to defend the truth of Scripture through sound apologetics.

