

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 07 Mar 2021..... Luke 10-13.....Neighbors?
- 2) 14 Mar..... Luke 14-16.....Celebrate?
- 3) 21 Mar..... Luke 17-18.....Worthy?
- 4) 28 Mar..... Luke 19:28-48.....Worshipped
- 5) 04 Apr..... Luke 24:1-12.....Resurrected
- 6) 11 Apr..... Luke 19:1-27.....Sinners?
- 7) 18 Apr..... Luke 20-21.....Cornerstone
- 8) 25 Apr..... Luke 22:1-30.....Remembered
- 9) 02 May..... Luke 22:31-53.....Willing
- 10) 09 May..... Luke 22:54-71.....Denied
- 11) 16 May..... Luke 23.....Sacrificed
- 12) 23 May..... Luke 24:13-35.....Revealed
- 13) 30 May..... Luke 24:36-53.....Commissions

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
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. His name was Joseph 2. He was good and righteous 3. His hometown 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 Jesuscp 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 Johncp 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>

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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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Low IQ or Insufficient Information B. Stubbornness or Pride C. Immaturity D. All of the Above E. Other Considerations: _____ • How can we remove some barriers to perceiving truth? <ol 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 E. Other Considerations: _____ • How can we remove barriers with those we witness to? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Tell the Truth in Love B. Be patient with them as Christ was with us C. Other Considerations: _____
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?

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- If we had more evidence of our Lord's resurrection would there be more people clamoring to Him? According to **Luke 16:31**, even if someone rises from the dead, they still will not be persuaded.
 - ♦ Per God's wisdom in this case – Less information is Better, otherwise they would be more accountable.

NEXT WEEK: Job 1-2. Job's life is turned upside down so that God can "perform what had been appointed for [him]" and to show us some powerful insight into God's character

