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## He Is Risen Indeed!

Luke 24:1-53

In this last chapter of Luke, we have several appearances of Christ after He had risen from the dead. As with His birth, so, His resurrection was announced by angels. He was seen by multiple amounts of people on different occasions. This would rule out any chance of it being a hallucination by someone who was very distraught. There are no group hallucinations! The way He was beaten, crucified, and then run through with a spear, with blood and water coming out of the wound, there is no doubt that Jesus had really died (John 19:1-37). The way they were able to touch His glorified body and the way He ate food and taught them, there is no doubt that Jesus was now really alive!

First, the ladies came to attend His body at the tomb. They saw that Jesus was gone. They all saw the angels and heard their testimony. They reported back to the apostles but were not believed.

Then Peter ran to the tomb! He may have doubted the ladies, but this still was astounding news. He saw that Jesus' body was not there. He also noticed that the linen cloth that had been wound around Jesus' body was there, laid aside. If someone stole the body, why would they unwrap it? Peter wondered about all this. His questions would be answered.

Later, two men were walking and expressing their grief at the death of Jesus. They concluded that He had been a great prophet, but was not the Messiah, who would save Israel. Yet they were confused by the reports of an empty tomb. Jesus encountered the two men and walked along with them. Jesus restrained their eyes from identifying who He was. Jesus reasoned with them from the Scriptures and told them that the Messiah was supposed to die and then rise from the dead. As they came to their home and broke bread, Jesus allowed them to know who He was. He disappeared before their eyes.

These two men ran to the apostles to report their encounter with the risen Christ. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the midst of them. Jesus continued with them forty days and showed them many infallible proofs (Acts 1:1-3 cp. I Corinthians 15:1-8). Then Jesus gave them a job to do – go tell others! That message and that responsibility has passed on, down through the generations, to us now (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8).

*(After a time of Easter music, a short Sequel to the message followed)*

## Once for All

Hebrews 10:1-14

### **Hebrews 10:1-4,11 – A Reminder of Sin**

The Old Testament sacrifices and offerings were a temporary way of showing the need for man's sins to be covered by the shedding of innocent blood. Sins were not permanently paid for by animal blood. It was only a temporary postponing of God's judgment against sin. The Priests stood daily, doing this. The priests would become old and die. So, others would take their place. This would go on until the permanent solution for our sins would be offered (Hebrews 7:23-28).

### **Hebrews 10:5-14 – A Remover of Sin**

The Son of God came to earth in a human body that would be appropriate to offer as a one-time sacrifice for our sins (Hebrews 10:5-9).

The previous priesthood and its sacrifices were only a picture of the one-time ministry of Jesus Christ, who died to permanently take away our sins (Hebrews 10:10-14 cp. 7:22-28; 9:24-28; John 1:29; I John 2:1-2).

### **Romans 12:1-2 – A Response to God's Mercy**

Now that we have been sanctified (*set apart for God's service*) by the blood of Christ, it is our turn to make an offering to God. Only it is for us to offer **a living sacrifice**, offering ourselves daily to do His will, rather than a one-time offering of our physical life. We are to yield our minds and bodies to Christ's service and not to merely satisfy ourselves or other people (II Corinthians 5:14-21; I Peter 4:1-2; Revelation 1:5-6).