

Gospel of Luke 24
 "Everything written about me"
 25 & 29 February 2024

1. Disciples presume that Jesus is dead (1-3).

- 1st day: After 6 AM, Sunday, April 5, AD 33.
- Spices: Odor control. 2000 ft. above sea level. Cool inside tomb.

An open tomb

Explanations

- Robbers broke in seeking valuables.
- Disciples broke in to steal Jesus' corpse.
- Authorities broke in to remove Jesus' body.
- Angels opened it to allow Jesus to exit.
- Angels opened it to allow disciples to enter.
- No one had shut the tomb.

Which of these explanations seems most plausible to you?

An empty tomb

Explanations

- Jesus' disciples faked his resurrection.
- Family took the body to bury it elsewhere.
- Jesus survived and let him self out.
- Jesus was an angel who vanished.
- They went to a wrong tomb that was empty.
- Jesus had risen from death and left.

Which of these explanations seems most plausible to you?

2. An unexpected reversal happens (4-12).

- Men: Angels = non-visible 'men'.
- Living One: Jesus! Revelation 1:18
- Crucified: Luke 9:22 with Matthew 20:19
- Again: 'back to life', not a second time.
- Not believe: Evidence must be *evaluated*.
- Wondering: Evidence must be *interpreted*.

3. Jesus appears to a second party (13-24).

- Two of whom? Disciples? Strangers?
- What kept them from recognizing him?
- Prophet: One who (a) speaks about God, and (b) acts powerfully.
- Redeem: (a) Pay a price, and (b) set free.

		Days before Pentecost						
		7	6	5	4	3	2	1
		21 st	20 th	19 th	18 th	17 th	16 th	15 th
Days before Passover	Day of Week	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th
6	Sunday	Weekly Sabbath						
5	Sunday	Passover lambs selected						
4	Sunday							
3	Monday							
2	Tuesday							
1	Wednesday							
1	Thursday	Passover lambs sacrificed						
2	Friday	Passover, High Sabbath						
3	Saturday	Weekly Sabbath						
4	Saturday	First Fruits wave offering						
5	Sunday							
6	Sunday							
7	Sunday	7 th Day High Sabbath						

Month of Nisan (Abib)

4. Jesus invites to examine scripture (25-35).

- Suffer: Where does Scripture say this?
- Scripture: Moses and the Prophets.
- Bread: What Christian bread ritual can open folks' eyes to who Jesus is?
- Why did Jesus disappear?
- How is a 'burning heart' important?
- How are the Scriptures important?

5. Jesus appears to the first party (36-43).

- Peace: A blessing. Evil spirits do not bless.
- Query: "Ghosts do not exist!"

6. Doubters testify about Jesus (44-49).

- Mind: Understand → interpret for the NT.
- Scriptures: Law, Prophets and Psalms.
- Suffer: Insults, beatings and crucifixion.
- Sins: Everything against God's laws.
- Witness: The apostles saw Jesus crucified and risen. They remain witnesses for us.
- Promised: The indwelling Holy Spirit.
- Power: Supernatural ability to serve others beyond our own knowledge and skills.

Seven free benefits of faith in Jesus

- God forgives every sin we ever did.
- God adopts us into his permanent family.
- God's Holy Spirit comes and dwells in us.
- God always guides us everywhere.
- God provides all that we need and ask.
- God welcomes us into everlasting life.
- God promises to raise us back to life.

Repent and believe (Mark 1:15)

- Repent: Renounce old (a) beliefs and (b) deeds, and begin obeying new ones.
- Believe: (a) Trust God's promises, and (b) remain loyal to Jesus.
- Many Bible verses will employ one of these terms or the other, whilst implying both.
- If we are living an immoral life style, then we have not repented. If we stop believing in Jesus, then we are lost and will perish.

7. Jesus blesses; humans worship (50-53).

- Sequence: Blessing → Joy → Praise.
- Temple: Continued in the Book of Acts...