Steve Greenberg's Handout

Week 47 Sun August 16, 2026: Luke 24:1-35 The Resurrection and Emmaus Road

Luke 24:1-12 He Is Risen (Matt. 28:1–10; Mark 16:1–8; John 20:1–10) The Resurrection

Luk 24:1 Now on the first day of the week, very early, in the morning (Sunday, after Saturday-a Sabbath day), they, and certain "other women" with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared (to finish anointing the body of Jesus).

Previous chapter, no chapter breaks events continue

Luk 23:52 This man (Joseph from Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin) went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Luk 23:53 Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before.

Luk 23:55 And the women who had come with Him(Jesus) from Galilee followed after (Joseph), and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid.

Luk 23:56 Then they (women) returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

Jesus traveled with a large group of people. We think of the twelve apostles but actually there were hundreds of disciples and they needed to be taken care of and fed.

Jesus was crucified and put in the tomb which was sealed and guarded by Roman soldiers (Matthew 27:62-66). The tomb stayed sealed and guarded until the women came on the first day of the week (Sunday), very early in the morning.

Mar 16:3 And they (the women discussed or) said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

Quote from Pastor Chuck Smith, 3,000 series

To put the order of events, Mary Magdalene was coming with these ladies to the sepulcher (tomb). As they came to the sepulcher (tomb), when they saw the stone rolled away Mary immediately assumed that someone had maybe taken the body of Jesus. So she left the other ladies to run and tell Peter and John that the stone was rolled away from the door of the sepulcher (tomb). These other ladies, we read here, went into the sepulcher (tomb). Mary had split to tell Peter and John what had happened. While the other ladies were still there, the two angels appeared to them and told them that Jesus was risen just like He said He would. So they went off to tell the disciples that they saw the angels.

In the meantime, Peter and John came running back to the sepulcher (tomb) and they found just like Mary Magdalene had told them that the clothes of Jesus were lying there but the body of Jesus wasn't there. Peter wondered what in the world is going on but John caught the picture and he realized, He's risen.

As Peter and John left, Mary who couldn't keep up with them, arrived at the sepulcher (tomb), coming back to it, doing detective work. She's going to discover where the body of

Jesus has been taken so that she can give it proper attention in burial. As she looks into the tomb, she sees an angel who asked her, Why are you weeping? And she said, because they have taken away my Lord. I don't know where He is. And turning away, she saw Jesus standing there but she didn't recognize that it was Jesus. She thought that maybe He was a gardener.

And He asked her, Woman, why are you crying? And she said, because they've taken away my Lord but if you will tell me where you have taken Him, I will carry Him away. Jesus said unto her, Mary. And she realized who it was and she came over and grabbed hold of Him, began to hug Him like a person that was drowning. I'll never let you away from me again. And He said, Mary, don't cling to Me. But you go and tell My disciples that I have risen indeed. So Mary went to tell His disciples that she had seen the risen Lord.

In the meantime, as these other ladies were going back Jesus also appeared to them. And they came and held Him by the feet. And then later on, in that morning. Then before they got back with the fact that we had seen Christ; all they had was a message, we saw the angels, these two disciples took off for Emmaus. That we'll be getting to in a little bit. Getting ahead of my story here.

But then Jesus appeared to Peter and we'll catch that but we don't know anything about the appearance to Peter. But it's recorded by Paul in 1Cor 15:5 and also recorded here in Luke 24:34. So that gives you a little bit of the order of the events.

Parallel passage in the Gospel of John gives added details

Jhn 20:1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.
Jhn 20:2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."
Jhn 20:3 Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple (John), and were going to the tomb.
Jhn 20:4 So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.
Jhn 20:5 And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.
Jhn 20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there,
Jhn 20:7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.
Jhn 20:8 Then the other disciple (John), who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.
The folded head cloth indicated a total calm event. It proved that Jesus had simply passed through the grave wrappings in His resurrected state, leaving them undisturbed.

Luk 24:2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb (very large circular stone which would take on average several men to move away from the tomb entrance).

Parallel passage in the Gospel of Mark
Mar 16:4 But when they (women) looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away--for it was very large.

Luk 24:3 Then they (the women bringing spices) went in (the tomb) and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Luk 24:4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed (puzzled) about this, that behold (suddenly, an appearance of), two men stood by them in shining garments (actually angels appeared like men in dazzling apparel, robes) (Matt 28:2-5 and Mark 16:5-7 mentions only the angel that addressed the women).

Parallel passage in the Gospel of Mark gives added details
Mat 28:2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.
Mat 28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.
Mat 28:4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.
Mat 28:5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
Mat 28:6 "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Parallel passage in the Gospel of John gives added details
Jhn 20:11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb.
Jhn 20:12 And she(Mary) saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

Luk 24:5 Then, as they (the women) were afraid (terribly frightened) and bowed their faces to the earth (down toward the ground), they (two angels who look like men) said to them (the women), "Why do you seek the living (One), among the dead?

Gospel of Mark tells us
Mar 16:5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man (actually an angel) clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

The resurrection took place on Sunday, the first day of the week stated in all four Gospels.

Luk 24:6 "He(Jesus) is not here, but (He) is risen (raised)! Remember how He(Jesus) spoke to you when He was still in Galilee (these women and others were with Jesus from His Galilean ministry, approximately 100-120 miles away, 20 miles a day average would take 5-6 days),
Luk 24:7 "saying, 'The Son of Man (title Jesus used for himself) must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day, rise again (from death to life).' "

Jesus Predicts (Prophetically) His Death and Resurrection (Mark 8:31–33; Luk 9:21-22)
Mat 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Luk 24:8 And they (the women) remembered His words (the words Jesus spoke in Galilee).

Mat 17:22 Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men,
Mat 17:23 "and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Application: Know Gods Word! Read it meditate on it and apply it. Grief, anxiety, and crisis have a way of causing unbelief and doubt? Remember what has God already said about this in His Word?

Luk 24:9 Then they (the women) returned (hurried back) from the tomb, and told (reported) all these things (everything that happened), to the eleven (apostles) and to all the rest (others who were there).

Gospel of Mark
Mar 16:10 She (Mary Magdalene) went and told those who had been with Him (His disciples), as they (other women) mourned and wept.

Luk 24:10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna (the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward-manager), Mary the mother of James, and the "other women" with them, who told these things to the apostles.

A large group of dedicated women who traveled with Jesus, supported the ministry financially, and listened to His teaching
Luk 8:1 Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him,
Luk 8:2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities--Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons,

Luk 8:3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him(Jesus) from their substance (personal resources).

Luk 24:11 And their words (all the things that happened, the angels and that Jesus rose from the dead) seemed to them (or in their sight) like idle tales (nonsense), and they (apostles) did not believe them (it is sad, they did not trust the women to report the truth, God was doing a miracle).

Mar 16:11 And when they (His disciples) heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

Luk 24:12 But Peter arose (jumped up) and ran to the tomb; and stooping down (through the lowered entrance), he(Peter) saw the linen cloths (strips of empty linen wrappings) lying by themselves (alone); and he(Peter) departed (returning to the temporary lodging while in Jerusalem for Passion Week), marveling to himself, at what had happened (reread and compare John 20:3–6 above v1).

They saw the grave clothes of Jesus lying in perfect order, as if a body had just passed out of them.

Removing the burial wrappings and spices from a dead, decaying body, would have been extremely difficult (if not impossible to remove and remove neatly), also overwhelmingly nauseating (smell and horrible stench). If a tomb robber had even attempted such a thing, the tomb would have been left in shambles. It would make no sense for a tomb robber to remove a dead body from the wrappings, before stealing the body.

Luke 24:13-27 Christ Appears on the Road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12-13)

Luk 24:13 Now behold (that same day), two of them (disciples of Jesus) were traveling (by foot) that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was "seven miles" from Jerusalem.

Luk 24:14 And they talked together, of all these things which had happened.

Luk 24:15 So it was, while they (talked): conversed (discussed, debated) and reasoned, that Jesus Himself, drew near and went with them (walking).

Luk 24:16 But their eyes were restrained (miraculously kept by God), so that they (two disciples) did not know Him (or recognize Jesus).

Others examples where they did not recognize Jesus

Jhn 20:14 Now when she(Mary Magdalene) had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.

Jhn 21:4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

Luk 24:17 And He(Jesus) said to them, "What kind of conversation (intent discussion) is this that you have with one another as you walk, and are sad? (So they stood still, and continued to be downcast and have sadness written across their faces)."

Application: Jesus is close to us even when we are blind to His presence. He does not abandon believers when they are confused, dejected, or heading in the wrong direction; He walks with them in their sorrow and is waiting for them to seek Him, His love, truth and His grace (Heb 4:16)

Luk 24:18 Then the one (of the two disciples on the road, we do not know the name of the other person) whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him (not knowing it was Jesus), "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known (or are you unaware of) the things, which happened there in these (last couple of) days?

Luk 24:19 And He(Jesus) said to them, "What things?" So they said (replied) to Him, "The things concerning "Jesus of Nazareth", who was a Prophet mighty in deed (miracles: ex. healing the sick, casting out demons and raising the dead; proof of His divine authority) and word (teaching and preaching divine truth, His words have influenced more people towards a good life and eternal life than any other person in history) before God and all the people,

Mat 21:10 And when He(Jesus) had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"
Mat 21:11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

Act 7:22 "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.
Deu 18:15 "The LORD" your God will raise up for you a Prophet (prophetic reference to Jesus) like me(Moses) from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, (Him you shall listen too)

Tetragrammaton- the original Hebrew consonants (YHWH) is translated as "the LORD," in all capital letters is used by most modern English Bibles.
Also in Hebrew Text: Adonai YHWH or English Translation: "Lord GOD" with "GOD" in all capital letters, whenever you see "GOD" in all caps in the Old Testament, it means the underlying Hebrew word is YHWH, paired with an existing title for Lord.

Luk 24:20 "and how the chief (and leading) priests and our rulers (and religious leaders) delivered Him to be condemned (or sentence) to death, and crucified Him.

Correlation passage

Act 13:27 "For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him(Jesus), nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him.
Act 13:28 "And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.
Act 13:29 "Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him(Jesus), they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.

Luk 24:21 "But we were hoping that it was He (the Messiah) who was going to redeem (rescue) Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

Luk 1:67 Now his(John the Baptist) father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:
Luk 1:68 "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people,

Act 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (This promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off...)

Luk 24:22 "Yes, and certain women of our company (group), who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us (with an amazing report).

Luk 24:23 "When they did not find His body? (So His body was missing), they (group or our women) came (back) saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels (Jhn 20:12 says two angels), who said He(Jesus) was alive.

Luk 24:24 "And certain of those who were with us (immediately, a couple of men who were with us, ran and) went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him(Jesus) they did not see (his body was gone)."

Luk 24:25 Then He(Jesus) said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe (and trust) in all that the prophets have spoken (and written in the Scriptures)!

Luk 24:26 "Ought not the Christ (Messiah) to have suffered these things (as clearly predicted) and (then) to enter into His glory? (Acts 2:33; Phil. 2:8–11; Heb. 1:3)."

The Old Testament teaches that the Messiah will die (Isa. 53:1–12) before entering into his glory.
Isa 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

Dan 9:26a"And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

Zec 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Luk 24:27 And (Jesus) beginning at Moses and (throughout the writings of) all the Prophets, He(Jesus) expounded (explained and interpreted) to them, in all the (Old Testament) Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Jesus explained to them how the prophecies about the Messiah in the OT looked forward and points to the life of Jesus.

Psa 40:7 Then I(Jesus) said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

Heb 10:7 Then I(Jesus) said, 'Behold, I have come--In the volume of the book it is written of Me--To do Your will, O God.' "

Luke 24:28-35 The Disciples' Eyes Opened at the Breaking of Bread.

Luk 24:28 Then they drew near to the village (Emmaus village) where they were going, and He(Jesus) indicated that (or acted like) He would have gone farther.

Luk 24:29 But they constrained (urged) Him (strongly), saying, "Abide (please stay) with us, for it is toward evening (getting dark), and the day is far spent (just about to end)." And He(Jesus) went in to stay with them.

Luk 24:30 Now it came to pass, as He(Jesus) sat (reclined) at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Jesus broke the bread, suggesting that they recognized him and their eyes were opened as the crucified one who died for the redemption of Israel

Luk 24:31 Then their eyes were opened (by God) and they knew Him (recognized it was Jesus); and He vanished from their sight.

The Lords resurrected body was real but not hampered by common limitations of the human body. His resurrected body is a tangible, physical reality, but it operates under a completely different set of physical laws than our mortal bodies. He can pass through solid materials (entering the locked Upper Room in John 20:19).He can instantly appear and vanish from sight. He can defy gravity (ascending physically into the clouds in Acts 1:9)

Jesus went out of His way to prove to His disciples that He was not a ghost or a floating spirit. Touch and See: In Luke 24:39, He tells them, "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.

He retains the physical scars of the crucifixion. He invites Thomas to physically put his finger into the print of the nails and his hand into His pierced side (John 20:27).

Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 15:50 that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

The resurrected body of Jesus is no longer sustained or kept alive by biological blood pumping through veins. Instead, it is a "spiritual body" (1 Corinthians 15:44), meaning its life-force is sustained directly and eternally by the Holy Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 15, the scripture provides a detailed contrast showing that our future resurrected bodies will be like Jesus' own resurrection body.

Luk 24:32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened (and clearly explained) the Scriptures to us?"

Luk 24:33 So they rose up (within) that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven (apostles) and those who were with them gathered together,

Luk 24:34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed (really risen), and has appeared to Simon (Peter)!"

1Cor 15:4 and that He(Jesus) was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

1Cor 15:5 and that He(Jesus) was seen by Cephas (Peter), then by the twelve.

Luk 24:35 And they (two from Emmaus road) told (their experience) about the things that had happened on the road, and how He(Jesus) was known to them in the breaking of bread.

End & Prayer

Extra Scriptures:

Luk 8:2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities--Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons,

Jhn 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.