

**Everything changes because He lives**  
Luke 24:36-53, p. 859 (Part 7 of 7 – Luke 22-24)

I. WE CAN HAVE JOY INSTEAD OF FEAR: JESUS APPEARED TO HIS DISCIPLES ON RESURRECTION SUNDAY EVENING (LUKE 24:36-43).

- A. Jesus calmed the disciples' fears when they thought He was a ghost (36-40; John 20:19-20).
  - Proof – They saw & touched Him (John 20:27-28; 1 John 1:1-4).
- B. Jesus confirmed their joy by asking for something to eat (41-43).
  - Proof – He ate food in their presence.

Note: Our body will be like His (Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2)!

II. WE KNOW WHO HE IS AND WHAT TO DO: JESUS INSTRUCTED HIS DISCIPLES THE NEXT 40 DAYS (LUKE 24:44-49; ACTS 1:1-8).

- A. His identity: Jesus fulfilled all of Messiah's prophecies (44-46).
- B. His commission: Jesus instructed the disciples to declare forgiveness of sin through Jesus to all nations (47-48; Acts 1: 8).
- C. His promise: The Holy Spirit would give power (49; Acts 1:4-5, 8).

III. WE KNOW HE'S IN CHARGE AND WILL RETURN: JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN (LUKE 24:50-53; ACTS 1:3, 9-11).

- A. Jesus ascended physically into heaven and will return physically (50-51; Acts 1:9-11).
- B. The disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy awaiting the Holy Spirit (52-53; Acts 1:12-2:11).
- C. Jesus is now at the Father's right hand with all authority over the world and His church (Ephesians 1:20-23).