

## D. What Old Testament Texts?

### LIVE THE STORY

*We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.*

- Why do you think the disciples were so despondent and confused after the death of Jesus and discovering the empty tomb?
- Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead? (Romans 10:9) If so, how has this changed your outlook in life? If not, how would you describe your response to the empty tomb, the death of Jesus, or the change in the disciples following the first Easter?
- Have you ever thought, “If only I could see the resurrected Jesus it would make believing so much easier”? How does this text reveal that “seeing Jesus” is not an absolute cure for faith? Where does Jesus continually send the disciples for faith?
- Can you think of times when your heart was burning as the Scriptures were opened to you? What were those Scriptures? How did they reveal Jesus in His glory?
- What evidence do we see, after Jesus opened the Scriptures to the disciples (24:27) that transformation had begun in them?
- How can we apply the lessons from Luke 24 and how faith comes to disciples to our desire and efforts to reach the lost?
- What role do hospitality and fellowship around a meal play in the scene of Luke 24:13-32 and in the book of Acts? How should this be applied in our own lives?
- How might Colossians 3:16 be an application of the lesson we learn in Luke 24?

## Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?

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Text: Luke 24:1–45

### Introduction: The Place to Go for Faith

A. Disillusionment and Despair

B. Expectations

C. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ and Hope

### I. Don't Look Here; But There... (24:1-8)

A. A Trip to the Tomb

- i. *“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”*
- ii. Where do I see this Living Savior?
  - a) Remember His words. Luke 9:22, 44; 17:25; 18:31-33
  - b) *Recalling the words of Jesus about His death and resurrection brought them to faith.*

B. You will not find the resurrected Jesus at the tomb, but as you recall His words.

## II. No, Don't Look There; But Here... (24:9-27)

A. 9-12 The women report to the Eleven and all the others.

B. 13-27 Are these two going for some R & R?

i. In 24:17, 21 Depressed, Disillusioned, Despairing

ii. Jesus HIMSELF is there, and there is still no faith.

C. *How foolish you are and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! (25-27)*

i. When Jesus wants to bring them to faith, He leads them to the Scriptures that foretold it.

ii. 2 Peter 1:18-19

## III. No, Not Here; There (24:28-32)

A. Transformation has begun.

➤ Hebrews 13:2

B. Then they recognize Him. Why?

C. *"Immediately He disappeared from their sight."* (31) Why?

## IV. Not Even Here; It is Definitely There (24:33-45)

A. Back to Jerusalem Immediately

B. Jesus is standing in their midst again...with the others.

i. *"Touch me."*

ii. *"Give me something to eat."*

C. Where Faith is Found:

i. *"This is **what I told you** while I was still with you..."*

ii. *"Everything must be fulfilled **that is written about me** in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."*

iii. *"Then **he opened their minds** so they could understand the Scriptures."*