

# Jesus' Appearances and Ascension Luke 24:33-53

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Intro: v. 32 Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?

## ➤ Return – v. 33

- From Emmaus
- To the Eleven

## ➤ Report – v. 34-36

- Jesus is risen (John 1:45-46)
- Jesus has appeared (1 Cor. 15:3-4 ... 5 He was seen)

## ➤ Revealing – v. 36-43

- Peace to you! (John 20:19, 21, week later 26)
- Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?
- Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones ...
- Have you anything here to eat?

## ➤ Readings – v. 44-47 – everything written about me ... must be fulfilled

- Law of Moses – *Torah* (Gen. 3:15; Num. 21:6-9)
- Prophets – *Nevi'im* (Isa. 52-53; Jer. 23:5-6; Zech. 12:10; 13:7; Micah 5:2; Mal. 4:2)
- Psalms – *Ketuvim* (Psalm 22; 16:9-11; 69; Dan. 2:45; 9:26)

## Repentance – v. 47-48 – for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name

- to all nations (John 3:16)
- beginning from Jerusalem (Acts 2:14-36; Acts 10:34-43; 15:7-11)

## Reminder – v. 49

- The Promise of the Father – John 14:26; 15:26
- The Power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:1-5)

## ➤ Removal – v. 50-51 – at Bethany (about 2 mi. E of Jerusalem)

- Jesus' Blessing – lifted up his hands and blessed them
- Jesus' Ascension (Acts 1:6-11; Heb. 4:14-16)

## ➤ Rejoicing – v. 52-53

- They worshiped Jesus
- They were blessing God

Points of Personal Ponderance (Application for Action):

- ✚ Have I placed my faith in Christ alone (His death and resurrection) for my salvation from sin and eternal life?
- ✚ In what ways does the ascension of Christ provide gifts to me? (Holy Spirit; Great High Priest)