



**“The Danger of Doubt”**

**Luke 24:36-43**

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*We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which leaders (John 12:9-20).	10 Select the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:3-13) On the tenth of this month they are to take each one to take a lamb for themselves.	11 Jesus curses the fig tree (Mark 11) Jesus cleanses the Temple	12 Withered fig tree is seen again (Mark 11) Jesus teaches all day in the Temple grounds, which includes official challenges of Christ's authority	13 Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from Galilee (northern area) celebrate the Passover on Thursday after sunset.	14 The Passover day, Jews from Judaea (southern area) would celebrate Passover on Friday.	15 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2. Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread continues for 7 days	16 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected

  

1 <sup>st</sup> month of Hebrew calendar. (Exodus 12:2) (March/April)		#1	#2	#3
Month of Nisan				
		Jesus is crucified, Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset.	Jesus' body put in tomb	Jesus is resurrected
		Disciples go to pray.	Jesus' body put in tomb before sunset.	
		See chapters Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 19-31; John 12-22	Jesus' body put in tomb before sunset.	

Resurrection and appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people

**Note 1:** Biblical Jews don't start/finish mourning on the night of Passover and Judaea start/finish on the morning of Passover. Sunrise/Dayrise

**Note 2:** For details on what happened on Friday see the below graphic

**Luke 24:28-35**

- 28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther.
- 29 But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them.
- 30 When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them.
- 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.
- 32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"
- 33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them,
- 34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon."
- 35 They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

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  - Amazing! While they are talking about Jesus, He appears.
  - The 11 were probably wondering, "He is appearing to everyone else, I wonder why He doesn't appear to us?"
  - And then He appeared to them.
  - He did not come through the door.
- John 20:19**
- 19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."
- He is the "prince of peace."
  - They needed peace 1. with events that had just taken place. 2. with His sudden appearing out of nowhere.
  - Jesus is saying, "Just calm down. I am in control."

“In his risen and glorified state - time, space, the rock of the tomb, the walls and the doors of buildings no longer hamper the body of Jesus. He appears where he desires to appear, and his visible presence disappears when he desires to have it so. This is wholly supernatural, wholly incomprehensible to our minds. Nor may we ask or seek to comprehend where Jesus stayed during the intervals between his appearances during the forty days.”

- C H Lenski

“The resurrected Jesus is no longer bound to bodily, visible, tangible, mundane substance, time, place, space, and the like, but wants to be known and believed as ruling by His power everywhere present, having the will to be with us and help us in all places and at all times, when and where we need it, unfettered and unhindered by the world and all its might.”

- Martin Luther

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- The words of “peace” did not seem to have much affect on them.
- They really thought they were seeing a ghost.
- It struck terror in them. Began to tremble. Hands shook. Knees knocked.
- The 11 go from joy to fear.

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“It is not surprising that the disciples were startled. After all, to have the risen Lord suddenly appear in their midst must have been something of a shock. That they were frightened is not quite so explicable. They had just been telling the two from Emmaus that ‘The Lord has risen indeed’. But it is one thing to accept such a statement on the word of someone else about an absent Person and quite another to accept it for oneself when the Person is suddenly present despite locked doors. Small wonder that they supposed that they saw a spirit, i.e. a ghost! Their fear was the natural reaction to the supernatural.”

- Leon Morris

### 38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

- Jesus asks 2 questions:

**#1. Why are you troubled?** **ταρασσω** – to shake back and forth, to agitate. Perfect tense verb – the shaking for them began when He appeared and they remain in that state.

#### John 14:1,27

1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

#### Acts 20:9,10

9 And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead.

10 But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."

#### 1 Peter 3:14

14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

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#### Phil 3:20-21

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

#### 1 John 3:2

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

#### 1 Cor 15:35,42-49

35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come? 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;

43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

47 The first man is from the earth, earthly; the second man is from heaven.

48 As is the earthly, so also are those who are earthly; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

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**#2. Why do doubts arise in your hearts?** **διαλογισμος** – to reason, to process your thoughts, to think it through, to dispute, to doubt.

#### Matt 14:31

31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

#### Rom 14:23

23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

#### James 1:6

6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

- **Note:** The heart is where decision making takes place.

Once it is processed in the mind, it then makes its resting place in the heart. Don't let it get to the heart. Dismiss doubts while still thinking it through.

### 39 "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

- Jesus asks them to use their 2 senses, touch and sight, to determine that it is He who is before them.

- "Reach out and touch someone" – 1987 AT&T commercial.

- **Note:** "flesh and bones" not "flesh and blood."

- He had a spirit body coming into the room. But now that changes into a physical body.

- So the resurrected body of Jesus could change back and forth.

- Our resurrected bodies . . .

"The next thing He did to calm them was to show them His wounded hands and feet (Ps. 22:16) and assure them that He was not a ghost. Songwriters sometimes mention His "scars," but the record says nothing about "scars." The "prints" of Calvary were on His glorified body (John 20:24-29), and they are still there (Rev. 5:6, 9, 12+). It has well been said that the only work of man now in heaven is the marks of Calvary on the body of the exalted Saviour....With our limited knowledge, we cannot explain how a human body can be solid flesh and bones and still pass through closed doors and appear and disappear, or how it can be glorified and still carry the marks of the cross."

- Warren Wiersbe



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- Jesus then proceeded to show them His physical marks of the crucifixion.
- Jesus is giving them physical proof that indeed He was the Messiah, the Son of God whom they had known for 3 years, and Marks on hands and feet were only specific to Him. Many perhaps looked similar to Jesus.
- **Note:** Docetism was an early heresy in the 1<sup>st</sup> century that said Jesus only appeared to be human but had no body at all. Only an illusion. He was divine but not human. Denied His humanity. Jesus did not die, nor was raised from the dead or ascended into heaven. Later resulted in Gnosticism (physical matter is inherently evil).

### **41 While they still could not believe it because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"**

- "This is too good to be true. I mean, this just can't be."

### **John 16:22**

22 "Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

- To conquer their unbelief, Jesus offered one more proof – to eat some food.

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- Ghosts don't eat food. Physical bodies do.
- Jesus eats it "before them."
- He wanted them to see that His physical body could consume food.
- **Conclusion:** HE IS ALIVE!!

Marty Halyburton's husband, Porter, was shot down during the Vietnam War, and Navy representatives came to her home to tell her he had died in action. For several days, Marty was too numb to react. Flags flew at half-staff all over town, and a grave-marker was placed in Porter's memory in the family cemetery. Eighteen months passed, and though Marty tried to adjust to her loss, it was very hard. Then one day, a group of military experts appeared again at her house, this time with dramatic news. Porter was alive, in relatively good condition, being held by the North Vietnamese. Marty's emotions leaped as if on a roller coaster. But they told her to keep the information to herself for fear of reprisals against the POWs if the news got out. It was impossible to do. How do you hide the sparkle in your eyes, the bounce in your step, the smile on your face? How do you hide the sudden transformation of your personality? How do you talk to friends without blurting out the news? In the end, the Navy realized this and made it easier by officially changing Porter's status, and Marty phoned everyone she could with the life-changing news: "He's alive!"

### Application

1. Doubt in our lives may take time to be resolved. That's ok as long as it does not find a resting place within us. Doubt can be deadly to our walk with Christ. Doubt needs to be only temporary.
2. God's Word provides the proofs and evidence which make doubt disappear.
3. Christ's resurrection body had the ability to change, depending on the situation. His body could be seen and recognized, He could speak, be touched, and eat. But it could also change - appear and disappear in an instant. One moment He could be invisible and in the next, visible. One moment standing on the Mount of Olives talking with the disciples, and the next ascending into heaven. The exciting part is, the resurrected bodies of believers will have the same capabilities.