

"Flesh and Bones"

Luke 24:33-49 ◆ Pastor Jim Lennon April 9, 2023

Introduction – While many doubt the reality of Jesus' resurrection, Luke's account records the testimony of eyewitnesses who saw Jesus alive after He was declared dead. In particular, Luke records the testimony of two disciples who encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

I. Jesus' Resurrection Really Happened.

- A. People today have become comfortable with Easter, in contrast to the disciples who saw Jesus appear to them after His death.
- B. The testimony of the disciples.
- C. The details of their account.
- D. Jesus had a physical body but was changed. He now had a "glorified" body.

II. Jesus' Resurrection Reveals Our Future.

- A. Those who believe in Jesus will also be raised from the dead, just like Jesus. (John 6:40)
 - 1. Jesus is "the first born from the dead."
 - 2. Jesus is "the first fruits" of the resurrection.

- B. The resurrected Jesus had "flesh and bones" and so will we.
- C. When we are raised from the dead, we will receive glorified bodies, just like Jesus. (Philippians 3:20)

III. Jesus' Resurrection Revolutionizes Our Relationship with Jesus.

- A. After His resurrection Jesus is still the same person, but now we relate to Him differently.
- B. That was the lesson Jesus was teaching Mary, when she saw Him alive. (John 20)
- C. The early Christians lost the tomb of Jesus, which was unusual in ancient times.

D. Peter, one of the eyewitnesses who saw Jesus alive after His crucifixion, writes to encourage believers who were suffering for their faith in Jesus. (I Peter 1:3-9)

Conclusion.