



Battles Won, Restoration Revitalized

*Restoration: Easter to Pentecost #2
(Luke 24:36-49)*

*As Jesus asks us to join Him in His world-restoring work,
He helps us overcome our natural errors and,
with His Spirit, empowers our efforts.*

I. Battles Won: Human Problems & Divine Answers

- A. Problem #1 - Spiritualizing of Jesus** v.37
1. Doubt Jesus is real... more an idea...
 2. Answer #1 – Bodily Resurrection (see also Incarnation!) v.39ff
- B. Problem #2 – “Too Good to Be True” Disbelief** v.41
1. Doubt our worth, that we could deserve such goodness and grace.
 2. Answer #2 – Changed Focus (from ourselves to our God) v.44
- C. Problem #3 – Deep & Persistent Ignorance of God,
His Ways & His Truth** vv.44-45
1. Doubt God’s Word... Limited human wisdom
& intelligence (Total Depravity)
 2. Answer #3 – Supernatural Illumination v.45

II. Restoration Revitalized: War Begun Anew (against evil, sin & death)

- A. New Beginning: Completed *Rescue* Proclaimed** v.46
- B. Global Task: The Disciples’ Witness (Message
of *Rescue*, Repentance & Forgiveness Goes Out)** vv.47-48
- C. Supernatural Help: The Coming of The Holy Spirit** v.49

Additional Notes:

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” – Luke 24:45-49



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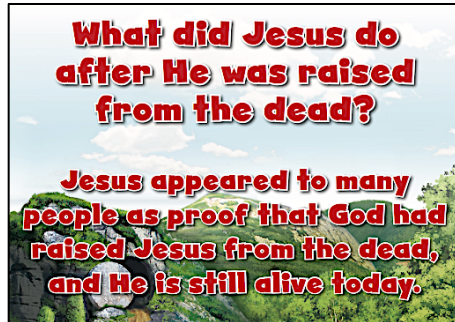
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Contemporary at Covenant

Welcome to Worship

If the previous story [that of the Emmaus Road encounter] has given the impression that the spiritual presence of Jesus is what ultimately matters, Luke redresses the balance in this narrative in which the physical reality of the risen Jesus is heavily emphasized.

- I. Howard Marshall, The Gospel of Luke, p.900



Prelude

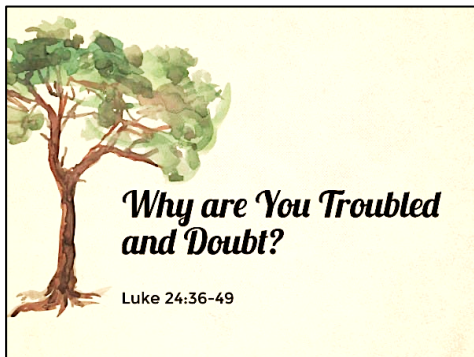
Welcome & Church Family News

Songs of Praise

- Samuel Dueñas & the Covenant Praise Team

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”



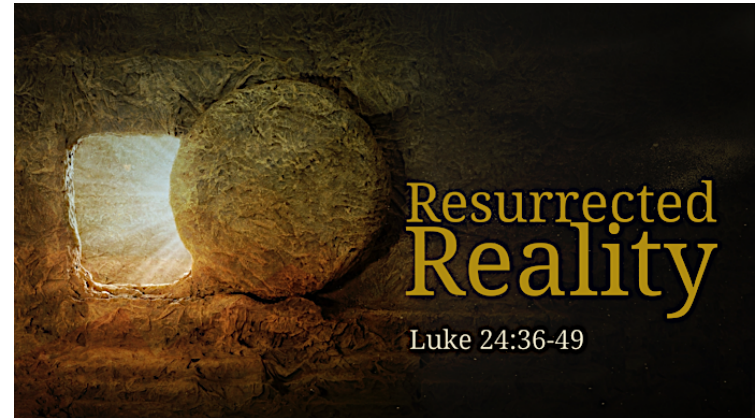
“Only a Holy God”

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Time of Greeting

Children’s Prayer Time

Katie Guerrero



Prayer of Confession & Word of Assurance

Time of Offering

(Our giving as an act of worship.

You are encouraged to participate however God leads you.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36-49 (p.885)

Message: *Battles Won, Restoration Revitalized*
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Prayers of the People

Song of Response:

“10,000 Reasons”

Final Word of

Blessing

