

Luke 24

ASVh with Comments

Summary. This chapter is important in the teaching about the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Also, this chapter tells all true believers that the beloved Son of God has taught His disciples to go out and tell the good news about the risen Lord Jesus, who comes to save their souls. This good news cannot be kept only for the disciples, but they all must go out and spread this good news. The next person who has heard the good news also receives the same duty to go out and proclaim the same good news to all. **Luke 24:1-12.** *The resurrection of the Lord Jesus.* A group of women who followed the Lord Jesus from Galilee witnessed the empty tomb on the first day of the week. Two angels spoke to them and told them that “He is risen.” They were reminded of how He told them that “the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day arise.” **Luke 24:13-32.** *The Lord Jesus appears to His two disciples.* The Lord Jesus appeared to these two in His heavenly form as they were on the road to Emmaus. This section of Scripture shows that the purpose of spreading good news about the Lord Jesus has started. Verses 19 to 24 summarize the good news for us, and there is always a way to tell someone the good news. The Lord Jesus is alive, and He has both His human body and His heavenly body joined together now, and His Spirit covers all the earth. **Luke 24:33-48.** *The Lord Jesus appears to all His disciples.* In the evening of the same day, when the Lord Jesus arose from the grave, He appeared to His eleven apostles and to other disciples who were gathered with them. The Lord showed “to them the hands and the feet” to prove that He is alive, and He rose in His body, as He told them, and that He is not a Spirit but has flesh and bones. Then He ate “a piece of a broiled fish” before them and taught them to understand the Scriptures concerning Him that “He must suffer and rise on the third day.” **Luke 24:49.** *The Lord Jesus instructs the disciples.* In a different appearance to the disciples, the Lord Jesus told them to wait in the city for the promise of the Father, which He would send, namely the Holy Spirit. **Luke 24:50-53.** *The Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven.* Before the Lord Jesus’ departure, Ascension into heaven, He Himself led the disciples out as far as Bethany, somewhere on the Mount of Olives. There, He was separated from them, and His own Spirit carried His human body into heaven. Now, His heavenly body is joined with His human body, and He is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven.

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

Comments 24:1. For verses 1 to 10, see Comments Matthew 28:1-8 and Comments Mark 16:1-8.

For this verse see Comments Matthew 28:1 and Comments Mark 16:1-2.

Matthew 28:1a says, “after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week.” The Sabbath day really starts on Friday at sunset and ends on Saturday at sunset, as per our gentile day system (See Comments Matthew 26:17).

In the old times, the Lord’s people set the Sabbath day early on Friday at sunset; from that moment on, it was the Sabbath day. We are still on Friday, but the sun has gone down, and Friday has ended for them, and at that moment, it became Saturday. In the Jewish time setting, Saturday (the Sabbath) started at sunset on Friday. From Friday at sunset until Saturday at sunset, it was considered the Sabbath day. The women went to the tomb on Sunday very early in the morning before sunrise.

See Mark Comments 16:1-2 for events analysis.

² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

Comments 24:2. Matthew 28:2 says, “an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and set upon it.” See Matthew Comments 28:2-7.

³ And they entered in and found not the body of the **Lord Jesus**.

Comments 24:3. As the Bible tells us, this tomb belongs to Joseph. He was a wealthy man, and his tomb was large, so few people could easily enter inside.

⁴ And it came to pass, while they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling garments;

Comments 24:3-4. These are angels, but they used the covering of look like men. (See Mark Comments 16:5).

⁵ and as they were terrified of them and bowed down their faces to the ground, they said to them, Why seek you the living among the dead?

⁶ He is not here, but He is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was yet in Galilee,

⁷ saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day arise.

⁸ And they remembered His words,

⁹ and having returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest.

Comments 24:5-9. For these verses, see Comments Mark 16:5-8 and Comments Matthew 28:2-7.

Remember as well that there was not only one woman present, so both angels talked to them to make sure that they could see and could clearly think about what was happening at the tomb. The angels have told them, "Why seek you the living among the dead?" and by referring to this, the angels made sure that in their hearts, they believe that the beloved Son of God is not physically there: He is alive. The Lord Jesus is risen, and the angels reminded them of what He had told them; then these words stirred them and made their hearts and memories think of what the beloved Son of God had told them when He was with them. This has made them come to believe that what is happening now to them is not a dream and that everything the beloved Son of God has told them has happened and will happen until the last Word that He has told them.

¹⁰ Now they were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles.

Comments 24:1-10. See also Mark 16:1 for the list of named women that came to the tomb of the Lord Jesus, but this verse plainly tells us that besides these women named here in Luke 24:10 and Mark 16:1, there were other women with them. Among this group of women who came to the tomb, only a few of them were bringing spices to anoint the Lord, and others just came along.

The verse tells us clearly that not only those who have been named told these things to the apostles but many others as well.

All gospels give accurate information without errors about what events occurred at the tomb of the Lord Jesus. We, believers, must read all the gospels and combine all events together to be able to have a clear picture of what took place at the tomb of the Lord Jesus.

For a better understanding, see Comments Mark 16:1-8 Comparison analysis.

¹¹ And their words appeared before them as idle talk; and they disbelieved them.

Comments 24:11. All readers can see that the people at that time who were with the beloved Son of God could not believe the women who had told them that the beloved Son of God "is risen." So, what about people nowadays? How many people believe what has been written here without seeing the site?

See Comments Mark 16:9-11 and Comments John 20:11-18. See also Comments Mark 16:9-11 about Mary Magdalene's visit to the tomb of the Lord Jesus.

¹² But Peter arose, and ran to the tomb; and having stooped down he sees the linen cloths only; and he went away, wondering at that which was come to pass.

Comments 24:12. Peter went to the tomb and, as the verse tells, he stooped and looked inside, but he had not entered yet, and he saw the clothes of the Lord; the rest of the information from all gospels, all readers must combine them. Each gospel tells only a portion of the story, and it is the duty of the readers to combine them.

See John 20:1-10 for the complete story about Peter and the other disciple at the tomb, where it tells us that Peter and the other disciple both eventually entered inside the tomb as well. Combining the information from these gospels, we can understand that the disciples (Peter and the other disciple) had first stooped, looked in, and then entered the tomb. When you read a story in a gospel, keep in mind that each gospel has a duty of its own as well; one gospel will describe general things, but another will tell more specific things.

All readers must combine the parts of the story from all gospels together, and a full understanding of the story will come.

¹³ And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was **about seven miles distance** from Jerusalem.

Comments 24:13. This event is the same event as the one described in Mark 16:12-13 (see Comments Mark 16:12-13). These two were not apostles but other disciples of the Lord Jesus (see verse 33).

¹⁴ And they communed with each other **about** all these things which had **taken place**.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, while they communed and **reasoned** together, that **Jesus Himself** drew near, and went with them.

¹⁶ But their eyes were **held** that they should not know **Him**.

Comments 24:14-16. From this verse, the readers can understand that the beloved Son of God appears to all who have faith and believe in Him, not only for the purpose of using them but for the purpose of helping them. Because when they hear someone else had a chance to meet the Lord, even if they did not know it was the Lord at that time, later on, they will realize that the Lord will never leave them; He will always be there, and someone can witness.

See Comments Mark 16:12-13 as the Lord Jesus appeared to these two in His heavenly form. The heavenly forms are different from human forms; the heavenly form of the beloved Son of God Himself has material that can be touched, but for others (when the Father sends angels that use human form), it has material that is not touchable.

Q: Why did the Lord appear to some people only at first? **A:** There is always a purpose with the Lord; it helps one another later, not necessarily at the time of the event.

¹⁷ And **He** said to them, What **conversation is this** that you have with one another **walking**? And they stood still, looking sad.

¹⁸ And one of them, named Cleopas, answering said to **Him**, **Do Thou** alone **visit** Jerusalem and not know the things which are come to pass there in these days?

Comment 24:17-18. The readers can notice from this answer that the purpose of spreading good news has started. These two started talking with strangers to tell them what had happened during that time, and this would start the conversation further on. This is the way to spread the good news, and this is the Lord's will for all to do: when you meet someone new, you hope they will have faith as well.

¹⁹ And **He** said to them, What things? And they said to **Him**, The things concerning **Jesus** the Nazarene, who was a man, a prophet mighty in deed and word before **God** and all the people;

Comments 24:19. In this verse, they tell all who the Lord Jesus is and what His work is, and the portion of Scripture, verses 19 to 24, summarizes the Gospel of the beloved Son of God on earth.

²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered **Him** up to be condemned to death, and crucified **Him**.

Comments 24:20. In this verse, we will concentrate on the chief priests. From their position, their duty was to glorify God, but they had used their duty in condemning the beloved Son of God to crucify Him, and that was the end of their action.

²¹ But we hoped that it is **He** who is **about** to redeem Israel. **Yes** and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things came to pass.

Comments 24:21. This verse clearly shows the reader that the people of God have been expecting the Messiah to come and redeem the people; they know who would redeem them, but they have not believed in Him yet.

The verse also tells us that the Lord Jesus rose three days after His crucifixion.

²² Moreover certain women of our company **astonished** us. Having been early at the tomb,

²³ and when they found not **His** body, they came, **declaring**, that they had also seen a vision of angels, who **say** that **He is living**.

²⁴ And **some** of **those** that were with us went to the tomb, and found it even so as the women had said, but **Him** they saw not.

Comments 24:22-24. All readers can notice from these verses that some women have seen the tomb empty, and also, they have received mercy from God the Father to send His angel to tell them that the beloved Son of God is still alive. The empty tomb has confirmed the Lord Jesus's being alive, and this is a firm confirmation of what happened.

From the conversation in these verses (19 to 24), this is the good news, and there is always a way to tell someone the good news. Depending on the situation each one of us is finding ourselves in, we could start with a little conversation, and in the end, everyone can tell the true gospel to every listener they meet.

²⁵ And **He** said to them, O foolish **ones**, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

²⁶ Was it not necessary for the **Christ** to suffer these things, and to enter into **His** glory?

Comments 24:26. The beloved Son of God Himself accepts all the suffering, and after all, is done, He will go back to heaven because the beloved Son of God will always do according to what has been spoken by the Father through all the prophets of the Lord.

²⁷ And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, **He** interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning **Himself**.

²⁸ And they drew **near** to the village **where** they were going, and **He** made as though **He** would go farther.

Comments 24:28. The beloved Son of God wants all who believe in Him to think before they judge. For this portion of the verse, "and He made as though He would go further," most people interpret that the Lord Jesus wants to test His followers and pretend to do something else differently.

²⁹ And they **compelled Him**, saying, Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent. And **He** went in to abide with them.

Comments 24:29. Now, all readers can understand what the previous verse says. All His followers should ask the Lord Jesus to stay with them, and the beloved Son of God wants them to do this by themselves. If they want Him to be with them, they must ask Him because He will not force Himself to be there if He will not be asked, and here is the place we can notice this.

³⁰ And it came to pass, when **He** reclined with them **at the table**, **He** took the bread and blessed; and breaking it **He** gave to them.

Comments 24:30. The beloved Son of God has made those that are at the table be with Him, and He Himself will be the bread for them later as well. Now, He has the bread in His hand, but later, they will have the bread to fill up the stomach and the bread of life to fill up the soul as well.

³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they knew **Him**; and **He** vanished out of their sight.

Comments 24:31. When the beloved Son of God has shared the bread from His hand, all eyes will be open, not just the eyes of the body but the eyes of the soul as well, as the verse has told here clearly, "and they knew Him."

"He vanished out of their sight." In this place, His heavenly body has returned to being completely heavenly, and human eyes will not be able to see Him, as most people think nowadays. As long as you are in a human body, what a heavenly body is, you cannot see it. Also, think this way as well: you as a human body, when the heavenly body has covered your body, you still have a human body, but another human will not see your body anymore. In this place, it is the same way: the beloved Son of God has a human body, but when His heavenly body covers Him, His human body will vanish out of sight, but it does not mean He loses His human body, just the heavenly body covered it for the eyes of humans, not to see it.

³² And they said one to another, Was not our heart burning within us, **as He** spoke to us **on the road**, **as He** opened to us the Scriptures?

Comments 24:32. When the beloved Son of God spoke to them, He did not ask how they were, but the Lord used the opportunity to teach them, as the verse tells, "He opened to us the Scriptures."

³³ And they rose up that very hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

Comments 24:33. The eleven apostles were never alone either; they always had people around them, and this verse confirms that. We should notice that sometimes, in between this verse and verse 36, Thomas has left the gathering (See John 20:24).

³⁴ saying, The **Lord** is risen indeed and **has** appeared to Simon.

Comments 24:33-34. See Mark 16:7 and 1 Corinthians 15:5.

From these verses, we can conclude that one of the apostles has told these two disciples, “The Lord is risen indeed and has appeared to Simon.”

In 1 Corinthians 15:5, we are also told that the Lord Jesus “appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.” This fact is confirmed only here in this verse in the Gospel of Luke, where it tells us that the Lord Jesus appeared first to Simon before He appeared to the other apostles.

Q: Why does 1 Corinthians 15:5 say twelve apostles when, in the gospels, it mentions eleven only?

A: Because at that time, the next apostle had already been with them as well, but in the gospel’s time, they had not yet asked who he would be. The new apostle was in the group, but he was not assigned yet as one of the twelve (See Acts 1:21-26).

³⁵ And they rehearsed the things that happened **on the road**, and how **He** was known **to** them in the breaking of the bread.

Comments 24:35. In order to open their eyes and minds and see the Lord clearly, He broke the bread and gave it to the disciples to take. According to this verse, true believers will notice when the Lord appears to them with the purpose of confirming and strengthening their faith, when the Lord will break the bread.

[Think this way: the Lord is coming back. We, as Christians, how can we be sure that He is the true Lord?

When we have communion with the Lord, He will break the bread, and that action will confirm in our hearts that the Bible has told us about this action of the Lord.] Breaking the bread itself has a significant meaning on its own. The bread of the communion of the Lord represents the beloved Son of God, and He has given His human flesh to all the people in the world to take it as a remembrance of His sacrifice. When you break the bread, in the action of the communion of the Lord, then you must remember the beloved Son of God’s sacrifice.

³⁶ And as they **spoke** these things, **He Himself** stood in the midst of them, and **says to** them, Peace **to** you.

Comments 24:36. The Lord Jesus Himself stood in their midst, and this is a confirmation to all disciples that the Lord of life is indeed alive right now. This appearance will give the disciples peace and will help them eliminate fear and doubt because hard work is waiting ahead of them.

This appearance here in verse 36 happened in Jerusalem on the evening of that day before the one on the mountain in Galilee. This appearance here in this verse, in Jerusalem, is the same appearance as the one described in Mark 16:14 and John 20:19-23 (See Comments Mark 16:14 and Comments John 20:19-23).

In Mark 16:7, the angel says, “He goes before you into Galilee; there shall you see Him, as He said to you.”

In Matthew 28:16, we understand that the apostles went to Galilee indeed to the mountain where the Lord Jesus had appointed them, and they saw Him and worshiped Him there, but some were still in doubt.

We can conclude from these verses that the Lord Jesus appeared to the apostles at least two times when they were gathered. To understand the complete picture and the appearances of the Lord Jesus to the disciples, we need to combine these events in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke with the events described in the Gospel of John, chapters 20 and 21.

“He Himself stood in the midst of them.” **Q:** How could a material body just appear amidst them without any obstacles? **A:** The question has also told us that nothing is impossible for God to do. The beloved Son of God, in human form, also has the same form as God as well. He can walk through anything, and neither wood nor iron can stop Him; no one will notice His movements either. He is human, but also God in that time; He has already returned to the Father and received back all the glory of the beloved Son of God to cover the human body.

³⁷ But they were terrified and **frightened**, and supposed that they beheld a spirit.

Comments 24:37. It is common for humans, and they are regular humans, to be frightened because they have seen Him crucified and dead on the cross, and that is why all their minds were thinking He is not a real person but just a spirit.

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

Comments 24:38. For the apostles in that time to have this doubt, all humans nowadays will have the same doubt as well about the beloved Son of God, “Is He a man or a God?” that is what most humans ask as well; if He is true human, some certain things He should not be able to do, but can He be in the same time human and God, that why the verse has asked, “why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

³⁹ See **My** hands and **My** feet, that it is **I Myself**, touch **Me**, and see; for a spirit **has** not flesh and bones, **just** as you see **Me** having.

Comments 24:39. This verse tells all readers, even as we are nowadays, to think as well: if you can touch and feel the beloved Son of God’s human body, is that going to build up more faith or not? This verse tells all disciples to stop having doubt and instead believe; that is the main thing.

⁴⁰ And **having** said this, **He** showed to them the hands and the feet.

Comments 24:40. To show them here is not just to see the hands and the feet alone but to see the scars from the nails on the beloved Son of God’s body. He has let all His disciples see His wounded body, to let them see that He is a real human as they are; that is the reason to show them these parts of His body.

⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, **He** said to them, Have **you** here anything to eat?

Comments 24:41. As the verse tells us, the disciples now have joy, but they still wonder as well. By the Lord Jesus’ asking them for food, He has ensured all the disciples’ hearts that He is a real human at this time as well.

Q: How can a heavenly body consume earthly food? **A:** There are many places in the Bible where the heavenly forms can eat (See, for example, Genesis 18:8) because when human food enters the mouth of the heavenly form, that food will change instantly, and it will be fit for the heavenly form to consume, that is why the Lord asked food from them to make them feel certain that is He Himself talking to them. Heavenly forms are material, while the spirit is not material. Heavenly forms do not travel regularly to Earth. When the three men appeared to Abraham, they were heavenly forms, not spirits, which is why they could eat food.

Q: Does the heavenly body then need to eat food regularly like us? **A:** The heavenly body needs heavenly food regularly because certain conditions make the heavenly body still in need of food, but it is not for humans to know what food is to be considered heavenly food.

⁴² And they gave **Him** a piece of a broiled fish.

⁴³ And **He** took it, and ate before them.

Comments 24:43. The verse tells us that, indeed, the Lord ate the food, and this is a further confirmation of His bodily resurrection.

⁴⁴ And **He** said to them, These are **My** words which **I** spoke to you, while **I** was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and the Prophets, and the Psalms, concerning **Me**.

Comments 24:44. “All things must be fulfilled” refers to the Lord Jesus’ teaching about His death as the Lamb of God for the remission of our sins and His resurrection after three days (see verses 45-47). The beloved Son of God will fulfill all things that have been written about Him, and here is the proof of it.

⁴⁵ Then opened **He** their mind, to understand the Scriptures;

⁴⁶ and **He** said to them, Thus it **has been** written, that the **Christ** should suffer, and rise **out** from the dead the third day;

⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be **proclaimed** in **His** name **to** all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ **You** are witnesses of these things.

Comments 24:48. In this place, the beloved Son of God has told all His disciples and readers that all things must be fulfilled, and what it is written, we all should think of it that the beloved Son of God has completed.

Note that the appearance of the Lord Jesus to the disciples described in verses 36 to 48 took place on the day of resurrection. Also, note that there is a gap of time between the events ending in this verse and the events starting in the next verse.

⁴⁹ And behold, **I am sending out** the promise of **My Father** upon you; but **remain you** in the city, until **you** be clothed with power from on high.

Comments 24:49. We can notice that there is a gap of time between verses 36 to 48 and verse 49. There is a noticeable break between the events presented in these verses, which tells all readers that there is a gap in time. In John 20:26, we are told that eight days later, from the appearance described in Luke 24:36-48, while the disciples were in Jerusalem somewhere, inside again, the Lord appeared to them, and Thomas was with them. Then, in John 21:14, we are told that at the Sea of Tiberias, the Lord revealed Himself to the disciples for the third time. As written in Acts 1:3, the Lord Jesus appeared to the disciples for a period of 40 days and spoke with them about the kingdom of God.

The saying of the Lord Jesus in verse 49 happened during a different appearance of the Lord Jesus to the disciples while they were in Jerusalem, sometimes shortly before His Ascension when He instructed them to remain in the city (Jerusalem) to be “clothed with power from on high.” More specifically, this saying in this verse took place at the same time as the saying in Acts 1:4 when the Lord “was staying with them” in Jerusalem at a place where all were gathered together. From this place in Jerusalem, while the Lord was staying with them, He led them up to Bethany on the Mount of Olives, from where He ascended into heaven (see verses 50 to 53 and Acts 1:4-11).

“And behold, I send out the promise of My Father upon you.” The beloved Son of God has told the disciples straight that the promise of the Father, the beloved Son of God, has sent for them, and this promise will help them to do the work, not only miracle work but the gift of speaking as well, they will remember everything that the beloved Son of God has taught them, even nothing has been written out yet, but all will remember exactly the same things. And also, the Lord will give them many things according to the promise of the Father. Even though the verse does not tell all readers clearly about the Holy Spirit, but when the Lord says, “clothed with power from on high,” this portion refers to covering all of them with the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit from the Father Himself.

⁵⁰ And **He** led them out **as far as to** Bethany, and **He** lifted up **His** hands, and blessed them.

Comments 24:50. Note that this verse is connected to a different appearance of the Lord Jesus to the disciples and not to the one described in verses 36 to 48. Bethany is a village on the Mount of Olives. The Lord Jesus appeared to the disciples in Jerusalem before His Ascension, where they were gathered together, and then He led them out as far as Bethany, somewhere on the Mount of Olives. The Ascension itself is described in Acts 1:6-11.

⁵¹ And it came to pass, **as He** blessed them, **He was separated** from them, and was carried up into heaven.

Comments 24:51. The Lord ascended to heaven from somewhere on the Mount of Olives but not from the village of Bethany itself. The Ascension itself is described in Acts 1:6-11.

“And was carried up into heaven.” His own Spirit carried His human body into heaven.

The travel of the Lord into heaven happened instantly, faster than the blinking of an eye. The Lord Jesus, in His heavenly body, from our conception of time and space, can travel instantly, but since the heavenly body is of material form, He cannot appear at the same time in multiple places. However, because the speed of travel is so fast, He can travel to many places in the blink of an eye. Currently, the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of the Lord Jesus cover the whole world. Fasting and prayer are needed to connect with the spiritual world. The heart that meditates on the teaching will open the path of connection for that soul, and the mercy of the beloved Son of God will help that soul connect with His Spirit as well. The Lord Jesus in His heavenly body will not come back to the earth until His second coming.

⁵² And they worshipped **Him**, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

⁵³and were continually **all** in the temple, blessing **God**.

Life and Faith Applications. 1) Depending on the situation each one of us is finding ourselves in, we could start with a little conversation, and in the end, everyone could tell the true gospel to every listener the Lord brings in their path. 2) A true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ must believe in His full body resurrection, flesh and bones. The Lord emphasized His bodily resurrection many times in the Gospels, and here in the Gospel of Luke, we have Him showing Himself to the disciples, teaching them about His suffering and resurrection on the third day, and explaining the Scriptures to them. 3) All believers should pray without wavering for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. 4) All believers should wait and pray for the return of the Lord Jesus to earth.