

## The Purpose of the Resurrection

Luke 24:13-35 (ESV)

### Literary Outline

<b>Journey from Jerusalem:</b>	(24:13-14)
<b>Closed Eyes:</b>	(24:15-17)
<b>Explanation without Understanding:</b>	(24:18-24)
<b>Suffering and Glory:</b>	(24:25-26)
<b>Explanation with Understanding:</b>	(24:27)
<b>Opened Eyes:</b>	(24:28-32)
<b>Return to Jerusalem:</b>	(24:33-35)

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. (24:13-14)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” **And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.** Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” (24:15-18)

But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.” **But they did not understand this saying, and bit was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it.** And they were afraid to ask him about this saying. (9:44-45 ESV)

And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” **But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.** (18:31-34 ESV)

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and **to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God**, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. (Ephesians 3:7-13 ESV)

And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him,

1. **Jesus is WEAK:** “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and
2. **Jesus is UNFAIR:** how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.
3. **Jesus is DECEPTIVE:** But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.
4. **Jesus is APATHETIC:** Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.
5. **Jesus is IMAGINARY:** Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.
6. **Jesus is UNRELIABLE:** Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” (24:18-24)

And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” (24:25-26)

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying,

1. “I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me;
2. out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.
3. For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me;
4. all your waves and your billows passed over me.
5. Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight;
6. yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’
7. The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me;
8. weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains.
9. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever;
10. yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.
11. When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD,
12. and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
13. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.
14. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;
15. what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land. (Jonah 1:17-2:10 ESV)

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (24:27)

- **Adam and Eve:** Jesus invites us to taste and enjoy the love of God, not to taste the lusts of the flesh. **(Life Tree)**
- **Noah:** Jesus builds a refuge of safety from the coming judgment, not to build temporary memorials to self. **(Wooden Ark)**
- **Abraham:** Jesus calls us to produce works of faith, not to produce works of the flesh. **(Barren Womb)**
- **Moses:** Jesus leads us as our Great Shepherd, not to follow the wisdom of men. **(Shepherd's Staff)**
- **Joshua:** Jesus provides for all of our provisions, not to leave us broken and poor. **(Ram's Horn)**
- **David:** Jesus engages in spiritual warfare as our King, not in human power with a disobedient heart. **(Single Stone)**
- **Jonah:** Jesus shares the grace of God with the unlovable, not judging by his anger. **(Great Fish)**
- **Hosea:** Jesus sacrificially loves his wife, the church, not selfishly divorcing his bride. **(Purchased Prostitute)**
- **Daniel:** Jesus lives a holy life in the midst of an unholy culture, not indulging in the pleasures of the world. **(Vegetarian Diet)**
- **Ezra and Nehemiah:** Jesus restores broken and shattered lives, not destroying and abandoning his people. **(King's Letter)**

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" (24:28-32)

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:37-47 ESV)

And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. (24:33-35)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20 ESV)