

Rise and Shine (Luke 24:36-53)

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(36) As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" (37) But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. (38) And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and 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 does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." (40) And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. (41) And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" (42) They gave him a piece of broiled fish, (43) and he took it and ate before them.

(44) Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." (45) Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, (46) and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, (47) and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. (48) You are witnesses of these things. (49) 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."

(50) And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. (51) While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. (52) And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, (53) and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Practical Application

1. Because Jesus is with us, we can "Rise and Shine."
2. You can have "resurrection peace" through Christ. Enjoy His peace today.
3. You can have "resurrection courage" through Christ. You don't have to be controlled by fear, worry, and anxiety.
4. You can have "resurrection faith" through Christ. Doubts don't have to dominate your mind. You can believe.
5. You can have "resurrection hope" through Christ. Because of Jesus, the best is yet to come for you. You can smile.
6. God has given us our five senses so that we can experience His "resurrection love" forever. Jesu loves you.
7. See Jesus today. Reach out and touch Jesus today. He sees you and is reaching out to you.
8. Christianity is the most sensible, reasonable, historically verifiable, scientifically aligned, and wise world and life view (religion) in the world. Become a Christian if you are not. Be a more faithful Christian today.
9. Christianity is more than a religion. It is a loving relationship with God as Father through Jesus Christ His Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. You can know God, talk to God, listen to God, be led by God, and experience God.
10. Jesus' hands were pierced so that yours might be cleansed and used by God.
11. Jesus' feet have holes so that your life might be made whole. God can use your life for His glory.

12. Jesus Christ is better than “unbelievable,” He is not too good to be true, and He is totally trustworthy.
13. All who are in Christ will receive a new resurrected body after they die. They will live embodied forever with God in a perfect place and in His perfect presence. You can look forward to your new body because of Jesus.
14. Jesus’ words are trustworthy and true. Believe them. Invite others to hear them. Share them with others.
15. Jesus fulfills the entire Old Testament. The entire Bible is all about Him. Human history is about Him.
16. God opens the minds of His people so that they might understand Him, His Word, and His ways.
17. Jesus came to suffer with us and for us so that we don’t have to suffer forever. Christian, your suffering is temporary, but your happiness is eternal.
18. Jesus rose for us so that we too might rise from our graves to be with the Heavenly Father forever.
19. Repent and believe in Jesus Christ. Call the people of the world to repentance and faith. Acknowledge your sin, turn from sin, and put your trust fully in Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.
20. If you are in Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. Tell others their sins can be forgiven. Be a faithful witness.
21. Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit on His followers. The Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father. Receive the Holy Spirit. Ask for the Holy Spirit. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
22. The Holy Spirit of God gives us power to love, serve, and fully live the Christian life. We can truly “Rise and Shine!”
23. Let Jesus lead you exactly where He wants you to be every single day. He is the only perfect leader.
24. Jesus blesses His people. He gives us “resurrection blessing.” Receive His blessing in full.
25. After His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. Jesus came to earth from heaven and then returned to heaven. He is the way to heaven.
26. You can have “resurrection joy.”
27. Worship Jesus, bless Jesus, and “Rise and Shine!”

Announcements

- Wednesday night activities start back this week. Children’s Awana and Adult Bible Study (6:30-7:30). Awana dinner starts at 6.
- A New Small Group begins on April 7 at 9am in RM 105.
- Small Groups meet weekly. See our small group guide to find one that is best for you.
- Our next Man Church is on May 18th from 5-7.