



Risen: What Do You Know?!

#1 of 5 with Rev. Dr. Gary Olsen





LUKE 24:36-49 TNIV

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?



³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet.
It is I myself! Touch me and see;
a ghost does not have flesh and bones,
as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this,
he showed them his hands and feet.

⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it
because of joy and amazement,
he asked them,

“Do you have anything here to eat?”



⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.
⁴⁴ He said to them,
“This is what I told you
while I was still with you:
everything must be fulfilled
that is written about me
in the Law of Moses,
the Prophets,
and the Psalms.”



⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds
so they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He told them,

“This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day,

⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins
will be preached in his name to all nations,
beginning at Jerusalem.



⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ I am going to send you
what my Father has promised;
but stay in the city
until you have been clothed
with power from on high.”



Risen: What Do You Know?!

#1 of 5 with Rev. Dr. Gary Olsen





LUKE 24 *TNIV*

³⁷ They were startled
and frightened,
thinking they saw a ghost.



LUKE 24 TNIV

³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet.

It is I myself!

Touch me and see;

a ghost does not have

flesh and bones,

as you see I have.”



LUKE 24 *TNIV*

⁴⁷ and repentance
for the forgiveness of sins
will be preached in his name
to all nations,
beginning at Jerusalem.



Risen: What Do You Know?!

#1 of 5 with Rev. Dr. Gary Olsen





A CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE QUESTION:

What could possibly transform
a group of cowardly followers,
into movers and shakers
of a worldwide movement
at the extreme cost of
their reputations, safety, and even lives?!



A COWARD

A SKEPTIC

AN ENEMY



A COWARD: Simon Peter

A SKEPTIC

AN ENEMY



A COWARD: Simon Peter

A SKEPTIC: James, Jesus' brother

AN ENEMY



A COWARD: Simon Peter

A SKEPTIC: James, Jesus' brother

AN ENEMY: Saul / Paul

A COWARD: SIMON PETER

- + Flees with disciples at arrest

Matthew 26:47-56

- + Specifically denies Jesus during trial

Matthew 26:69-75

- + Meeting behind locked doors

John 20:19

- + The empty tomb is “nonsense”

... though personally verifies ...

Luke 24:11-12

TO THE COURAGEOUS: SIMON PETER

Peter speaks publicly to Jerusalem festival pilgrims

Acts 2:14-41

Peter & John pray a healing at the Temple

Acts 3

Court orders to stop preaching; they continue

Acts 4:1-31

Sentenced to flogging, but they continue

Acts 5:17-42

Stephen tried & executed

Acts 6-7

TO THE COURAGEOUS: SIMON PETER

House to house searches to arrest Jerusalem church;
fugitives preach where flee

Acts 8:1-4

Peter preaching in exile, converts a Roman centurion,
then returns to Jerusalem!

Acts 9:32 thru 11:18

James (Zebedee) and Peter arrested by Herod;
James executed, Peter miraculously escapes!

Acts 12:1-19

Peter last seen still in Jerusalem for huge church meeting

Acts 15:5-30

A SIBLING SKEPTIC: JAMES, JESUS' BROTHER

Named as Jesus' brother

Mark 6:1-3

Does not believe in his brother

John 7:5

Comes to take Jesus away
because "he's out of his mind"

Mark 3:20-21

TO THE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE: JAMES, JESUS' BROTHER

the risen Jesus appears to him

1 Corinthians 15:7

meets with the Jerusalem church

Acts 1:14

considered as an “apostle”

Galatians 1:18-21

top leader of the Jerusalem church!

Acts 15:12-21; 21:17-20

AN ENEMY: SAUL / PAUL

persecuted the church,
to the point of “obsession”

Galatians 1:13; Acts 26:11

searched house-to-house for Jesus' followers
inside and outside of Judea
on authority of temple's chief priests

Acts 9:1-2; 26:10-12

goal to destroy the church

Galatians 1:13, 23

seeks death penalty for Jesus' followers

Acts 9:1; 22:4-5; 26:10

TO THE EMISSARY: SAUL / PAUL

dramatic conversion to follow Jesus

Acts 9:3-22

meets with Jerusalem church leaders!

Acts 9:26-28

called to be a missionary

Galatians 1:15-16; Acts 13:1-3

imprisoned, beaten, stoned, & flogged ... for preaching!

2 Corinthians 11:23-25

TO THE EMISSARY: SAUL / PAUL

arrested at Jerusalem temple!

Acts 21:33

tried before the Jewish Council,
a Herod, and 2 Roman governors

Acts 22-26

death threats and appeals bring a transfer
to Rome to testify before the Emperor Nero

Acts 22-28

+ focus of ½ of the New Testament!

the main character in 2nd half of Acts,
and author of 13 letters in New Testament!

RISEN: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

Next week =
The Documentary Evidence

By the highest standards of historical research,
the life of Jesus
has, by far, the best documentation
of any ancient historical figure

RISEN: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

The 3rd week =

The Medical Evidence

Certain death on a cross is the consensus
for the participants,
historians, medical experts,
and even skeptical scholars

RISEN: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

The 4th Week =

The Evidence of the Missing Body

The tomb is found empty

complete with the embarrassing details
of reliable testimony

RISEN: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

The Last Week

= Eyewitness Evidence of Appearances

Reports of live, physical appearances
of a supposedly dead Jesus
pass the scrutiny of modern legal analysis

RISEN: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

Today = Circumstantial Evidence

Unexplainable, life-changing experiences
from cowards,
skeptics,
and even an enemies

A CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE QUESTION:

What could possibly transform

- + a cowardly follower,

- + a skeptical brother,

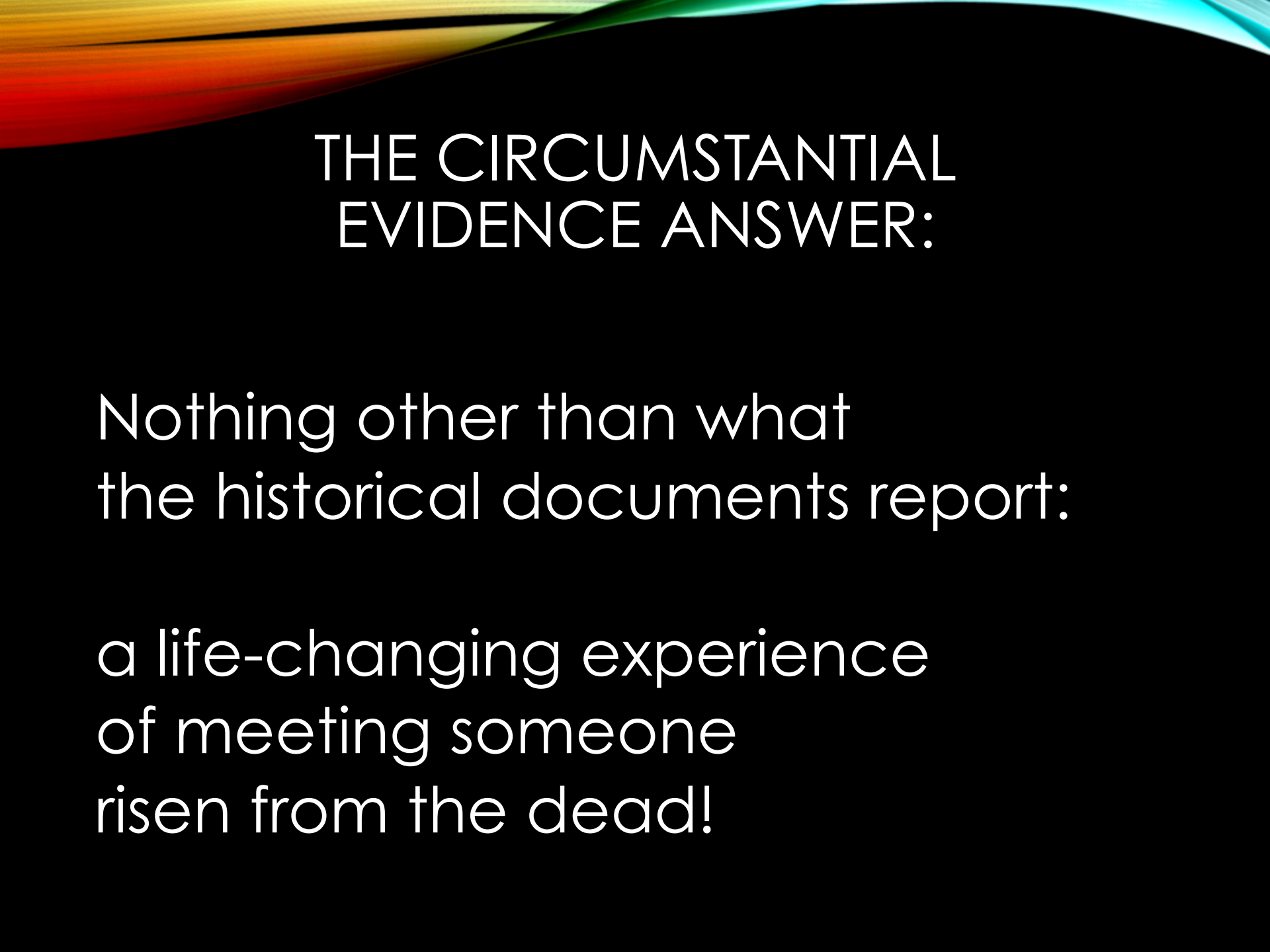
- + and a murderous enemy

into movers and shakers

of a worldwide movement

at the extreme cost

of their reputations, safety, and even lives?!



THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE ANSWER:

Nothing other than what
the historical documents report:

a life-changing experience
of meeting someone
risen from the dead!



TAKING IT ONE STEP FURTHER:

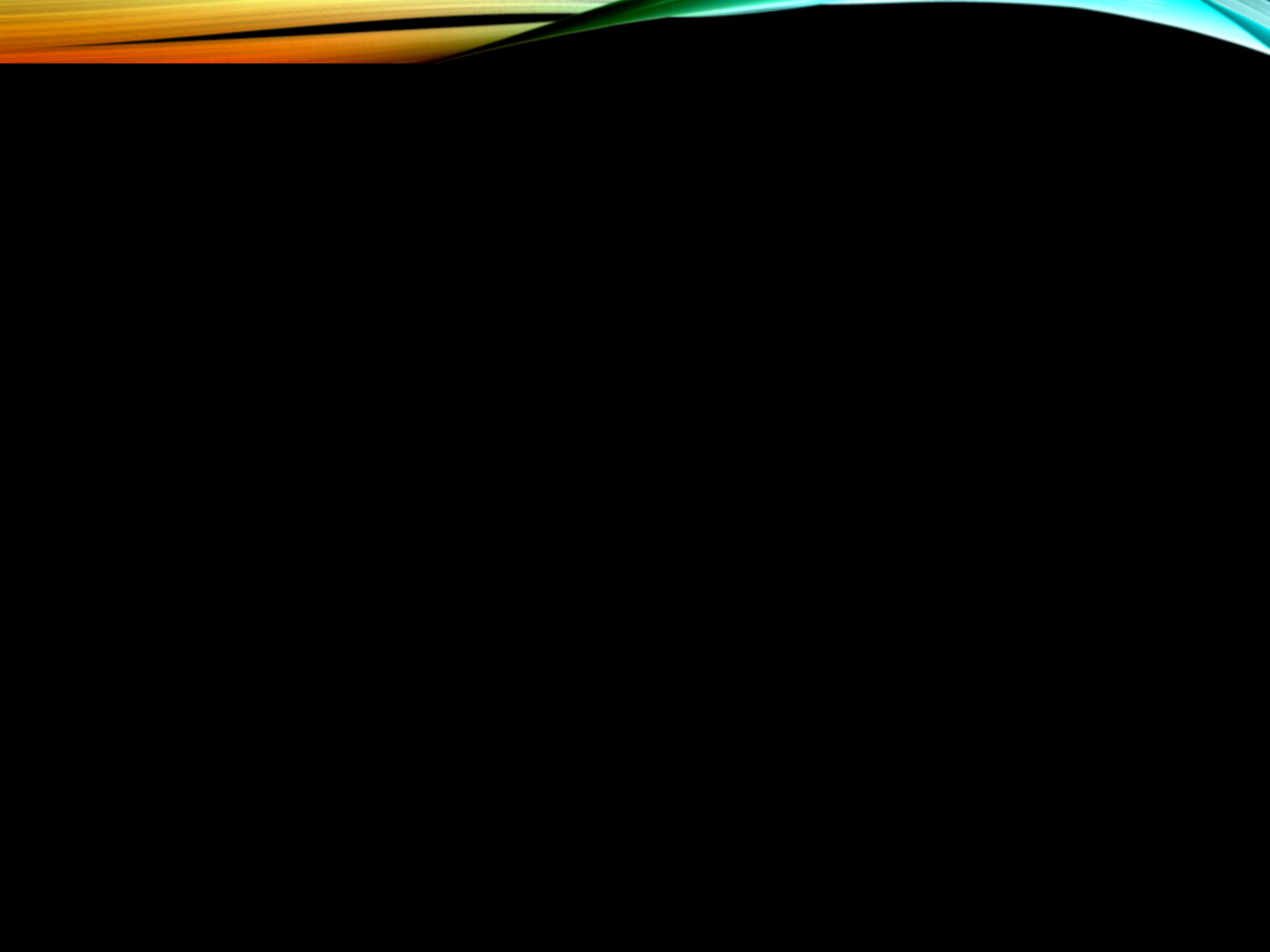
People **are** willing to die
for what they **believe** to be true.

People are **not** willing to die
for what they **know for a fact**
is a bold-faced, made-up lie!

From Columbia Pictures and LD Entertainment in Association with AFFIRM Films,
the studio that brought you WAR ROOM, COURAGEOUS and SOUL SURFER comes RISEN!

JOSEPH FIENNES
RISEN

UNCOVER THE MYSTERY
February 19, 2016 A.D.



From Columbia Pictures and LD Entertainment in Association with AFFIRM Films,
the studio that brought you WAR ROOM, COURAGEOUS and SOUL SURFER comes RISEN!

JOSEPH FIENNES
RISEN

UNCOVER THE MYSTERY
February 19, 2016 A.D.



LUKE 24 TNIV

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds
so they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written:
The Messiah will suffer and
rise from the dead on the third day,
⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins
will be preached in his name to all nations,
beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.



HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO

#1

Tell someone that
lives can change



LUKE 24 *TNIV*

⁴⁷ and repentance
for the forgiveness of sins
will be preached in his name
to all nations,
beginning at Jerusalem.



HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO

#2

Do your homework
about the Bible!



LUKE 24 *TNIV*

⁴⁴ Everything must be fulfilled
that is written about me
in the Law of Moses,
the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds
so they could understand
the Scriptures.



HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO

#3

Be ready to
act as a witness



LUKE 24 *TNIV*

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.



HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO

#4

Plug into
the power source



LUKE 24 *TNIV*

49 I am going to send you
what my Father has promised;
but stay in the city
until you have been clothed
with power from on high.”



ACTS 2 *TNIV*

¹ When the day of Pentecost came,
they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of
a violent wind came from heaven ...

⁴ All of them were filled
with the Holy Spirit



LUKE 24 *TNIV*

49 I am going to send you
what my Father has promised;
but stay in the city
until you have been clothed
with power from on high.”