Priorities in Light of The Resurrection

Luke 24:44-49
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Resurrection Life “Rooted” In Us!

1. What happened in the resurrection?

2. How can we discern/capture the meaning?
   * our past * our future * our present

3. What are we to do now?
   Peter – “I’m going fishing!”
   Others – “we’re coming too!” John 21:3
   Result: nothing! Until Jesus spoke!!
   “they were not able to haul it in...” John 21:6
“Remember What I Said?” vs. 44

Well, what DID He say?
“all things written about Me”
Psalm 22:13-18; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 53 (suffering)

Bereans: “received the Word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were true” (Acts 17:22).

Acts 2:42 – “devoted to the Apostles teaching”
Acts 6:2 – “we will not neglect the Word of God”
Do you have a heart “resurrected” in curiosity?
Consequences of Not Avidly Digesting His Word…

“There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Prov. 14:6).

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6).

In contrast:

It offers wise direction:
“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105).
Vs. 45 – “He opened their minds to the Scriptures”

So: minds can be “closed” to the Scriptures

“(Satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelieving” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Acts 2 apostles teaching study with expectation

E.g. Clearing up a mistaken email, txt, or IM – Plan: ask the writer! (prayer + Word)
Vs. 46 – The Gospel Foundation – Christ will suffer and rise again!

Connect the dots – prophecy, fulfillment, validates of all His ministry work, future hope!

1 Cor. 15:3 – “I delivered of first importance...”

1 Cor. 2:2 – “For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”

All church ministries rooted in this foundation!
Vs. 47 – “Repentance for forgiveness of sins proclaimed”

Jesus first teaching, “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17).

“All unless you repent, you will not see the Kingdom of heaven” (Luke 13:3).


Key: Those “hungering and thirsting for righteousness” will respond.
We are now a party to God’s work of salvation! Our commission:

“Go” “make disciples” “teach”

Failing to go = disobedience to risen Savior

“Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin”

(James 4:17).
Vs. 49 - A Promise and Power

Vs. 49 “the promise of the Father”

John 14:26 – “He will teach you all things and bring your remembrance all I said to you.”

Alert:
“you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49)
From This Point Forward ...

The lapse of HB 757 + surging validation of the homosexual lifestyle in America

1. The Word of God does not change.
2. We are called to love, bear witness to our fallen culture, just like the early church engaged lost cultures like:
   * Corinth; Ephesus; Colossae

And they flourished – without approval of “the courts” or the “popular culture”