



Jesus Lives: Now What?

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Luke 24:36-53

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Luke 24:36-53 (NIV)

- 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.

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- 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.”
- 50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.
- 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.
- 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.
- 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

A good leader _____ his followers.

Jesus has prepared his followers for his _____.

He prepared his followers by giving _____ of his resurrection (vv. 36-44).

He prepared his followers by _____ God’s plan (vv. 45-47).

He prepared his followers by showing our _____ in God’s plan (v. 48).

He prepared his followers by _____ his power and blessing (vv. 49-50).

Big Idea: As followers of Jesus, let's _____ what Christ prepared us to do.

Let's look for Christ to _____ just as he left (v. 51 cf. Acts 1:9-11).

Acts 1:10-11: "They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10: "The Lord's message rang out from you....how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath."

Let's _____ him with joy together (vv. 52-53).

Let's _____ the world what he has done for us (v. 48).