

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Review - Lk 24:33-34 We learn that Jesus visited Peter - v35.
2. Electric atmosphere - fear, excitement, frustration, confusion. v36-43.

**1st: Jesus Pronounces Peace - v36**

1. *Peace* - salvation: salutations: 1st thg Jesus says to disciples. Jn 20:19
2. How did Jesus come to stand in their midst? A 12:10?

**2nd: The Disciples Are Paralyzed by Fear - v37-38.**

1. Thought they were seeing a *spirit* [Mat 14:26-27] = immaterial aspect of man: disembodied person.
  - i. We acknowledge spirits. A 23:8; Hb 12:23; 1Pt 3:19. Saul summoned from the dead [1 Sam 28]. Israel to avoid [Isa 8:19; 19:3]
  - ii. Jesus tells us of "Abraham's bosom" - disembodied state. Jesus not rebuke for believing in spirits, but for not believing He is resurrected.
  - iii. Ryle: balance - don't be gullible but don't deny.
2. v37: *But*- Jesus says *peace* & discs are petrified! v38 He knows their *hearts* [v25]; v39 think He is a *spirit*.
  - i. *startled* - panic, sudden alarm, terrified
  - ii. *frightened* - fear + intensive prefix: very scared - petrified
3. Jesus acts as previously [Lk 8:25]: rebukes. Jesus does not spoil His kids.
  - i. *troubled*: agitated, stirred up in turmoil - their emotional state
  - ii. *doubts*: "dialog" arguing: deliberate - mental state: reluctant to trust
4. Ryle: instinctive fear testifies to our need of a Mediator.
5. Jesus wants our *hearts* - loving allegiance & trust lived out by faith.

**3rd: Jesus Provides Empirical Proof - v39-40**

1. Emph on seeing [3x v30 + *showed* v40]: scientific observation; visible. Why *hands & feet*? Same body that was crucified & buried.
2. *touch Me* = grope, handle - *flesh & bones*.
3. Sight; sound; touch - A 1:3. *It is I Myself* [Rv 1:17-18; Jn 11:25-26]
  - i. A real man: *flesh & blood* - 1C 15:50? Body in transition to glorification Rv 1:12-16.
  - ii. Jesus gives initial revelation to empirical senses - also gives HS.
  - iii. Jesus is not zombie or disembodied spirit. 1st Man w/ body of next age: when glorified = the body of *the Lamb*

**4th: The Disciples Progress Toward Faith - v41a**

1. *While they still* - but yet incredulous - yet progress. Truth is beginning to dawn, but *cld not believe b/c of joy & amazement!*
  - i. *amazement* - rxn to supernatural; not faith but not unbelief.
  - ii. *joy* - progress to faith. Kingdom *joy* is not mere emotion, but tied to conviction of revelation of gospel truth - exp of eschatological hope.
    - a. Jesus, the man of sorrows, yet knew exuberant joy [Lk 10:17ff].
    - b. Ps 45:6 [Hb 1:9] enthroned Lord has *gladness*
    - c. Discs taste that joy & gladness - too good; too wonderful.
2. Unbelief b/c of joy!?! Too good to be true! Must not allow skepticism to harden into cynicism. Joy a hindrance to faith? Increased - v52-53

**5th: Jesus Provides More Empirical Proof - v41b-43**

1. Spirits don't devour food. v43 *He ate it before them*: in plain sight.
2. Meal scene: later breakfast [Jn 21; A 10:40-41]. Dr Luke's final proof. This is embodied Jesus: *it is I Myself*.
3. 1Jn 1:1-4 Jesus is risen: He is risen indeed!