

Context

- 1] It is the day of the resurrection.
- 2] Jesus had been crucified and raised from death on the 3rd day as He predicted
- 3] The disciples didn't believe the women's reports of angels and an empty tomb
- 4] In the evening they were talking to 2 men who had just met the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus when something amazing happened.

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"

Nb these things = Jesus identified Himself in all the scriptures and was then recognised by the two disciples in the breaking of bread (24:35)

Stood – it does not say He 'appeared' cf chief priest, people and women -stood by / at a distance (24:10, 35, 49) i.e., a physical presence

Peace = normal greeting? but echo of as angels 'peace among those with whom He is pleased? (Lk 2:14)

*'Talk about these things' - Ponder Jesus, His place in Scripture and His crucifixion for us**

37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.

Cf frightened like shepherds before angels at birth of Jesus (2:9) women before angels at tomb of Jesus (24:5)

Nb spirit = a ghost cf Jesus coming to the boat walking on the water (Mark 6:49)

**GRACE Jesus appears / God comes to us graciously – not because we deserve or demand it*

*Do not be frightened of the risen Jesus**

38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

Cf troubled as was Zechariah when confronted by an angel (1:12)

Doubts – i.e., is this of God or the devil / good or bad

'hearts' = Jewish mind

Nb God asks us questions - cf What is this conversation you are holding? (17) What things? (19)

Cf but some doubted (Matt 28:17)

Listen to Jesus as He questions your unbelief

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."

Nb 'hands and feet' = the marks of crucifixion (cf bullet holes)

Note the resurrection body is not bound by time and space, but it is 'physical' – has flesh and bones.

Cf they have pierced my hands and my feet (Ps 22:16)

JESUS The risen Lord has a physical body

Rise to the challenge of Jesus, to test your unbelief

40 And when He had said this, He showed them his hands and his feet.

Nb hand and feet - showing them the marks of His crucifixion i.e., identification (not known others crucified?)

JESUS bears the marks (not the restrictions) of His wounds on the cross

41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marvelling, He said to them,

Marvelling – cf Peter at the empty tomb (12)

?disbelieved for joy?

Note - there is a stage between unbelief and belief which involves joy

"Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and He took it and ate before them.

Nb have you anything to eat – ate it before them i.e., as a demonstration to them – proof He was ‘in body’

Cf Acts 10:41

????Broiled (cooked) fish????

**and He stood by them under the tree while they ate* (Gen 18:8)*

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."

Nb ‘Still with you’ = i.e., before His crucifixion

of the angels - ‘must be fulfilled’ (24:7)

Cf see Psalms 2, 16, 22, 69, 72, 110, 118

And beginning with Moses and the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the scriptures, the things concerning Himself (24:27)

God must fulfil His Words in Scripture

45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Cf It has been given to you to know the secret of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in Parables so that ‘seeing they may not see and hearing they may not understand’ (8:10)

Disciples from the road to Emmaus - Their eyes were opened (24:31)

Nb The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers...God.. has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2Cor 4:4,6)

46 God revealed in His Word, His determination that His Messiah would die and rise again

45 GRACE God opens minds enabling people to understand His Word

45 Beseech Jesus to open your mind to understand Scripture

46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

Cf For He will be delivered over to the gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spat upon. After flogging Him, they will kill Him and on the third day He will rise. This saying was hidden from them and they did not grasp what was said (18:32-34)

(Paul) reasoned with them from the Scriptures explaining and proving it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead (Acts 17:2,3)

47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Nb repentance for forgiveness of sin was key to Jesus’ message – The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God (Mk 1:15)

Cf as the Apostles at Pentecost ‘repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)

47 God offers repentance and forgiveness through His messengers/us

48 You are witnesses of these things.

Nb Where? – ‘you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8; 5:30-32)

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

Cf Jesus ‘in the power of the Spirit’ (4:14)

cf ‘on high’ - Glory to God in the Highest (Lk 2:14)

JESUS sends the promise of the Father – the Holy Spirit

Conclusion - The final briefing by Jesus

- 1] I have really raised from the dead (as you will be too)
- 2] You are to share the message of repentance and the forgiveness of sins
- 3] I will give you the power of God the Holy Spirit to do this

MP *Because of Jesus' death and bodily resurrection the message of forgiveness on repentance should be offered to all, Jews first.*

KV *Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem (47)*

???Where exactly is it written in the OT 'that the Christ should suffer.....?' (46f)

It is written that the Christ should suffer (Is 52:13- 53:12) and alluded to throughout the OT???