

TRADITIONAL VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	Sat Sabbath	Easter Sun
	Rides into Jerusalem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	Risen Appears to followers
Sabbath				Spy Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	

ANOTHER VIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Sat	Palm Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Good Friday	Sat Sabbath	Easter Sun
Rides into Jerusalem as king	Teach	Teach	Teach & Last Supper	Tried and Crucified	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	In the Tomb	Appears to followers
Sabbath				Day of Preparation	Pass-over	Feast of Unleaven Bread	Rises after 6 p.m.	

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. How do you think Cleopas and his friend felt about being preempted? What was their joy?
2. Why were the disciples so afraid and why did Jesus want them to understand and fully believe in a bodily resurrection? What did you learn about the importance of a bodily resurrection?
3. Why did Jesus focus on the plan for the Gospel at this point?
4. What was most helpful to you in this study?



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. The whole BOOK of Luke is based on the DEATH and resurrection of Jesus!
2. Although the crucifixion is the END of Jesus' life, it is the BEGINNING of so much more!

PREEMPTED

Luke 24:33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

1. As soon as Jesus "disappeared" from them, Cleopas and his companion IMMEDIATELY got up (without dinner), and RETURNED the seven miles back to Jerusalem.
2. Upon arriving, they found that they had been preempted by Simon Peter's ACCOUNT. We know NOTHING about this appearance of Jesus to Peter, but maybe that's for the BEST.

1Cor. 15: 4 . . . that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

3. Finally, Cleopas and his friend TOLD their story of meeting Jesus, and recognizing Him when He BROKE bread.

Luke 24:30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

PRESENTED

Luke 24:36 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.

1. While the Emmaus story was STILL being told, Jesus was SUDDENLY standing AMONG them.

2. There are three rounds of DOUBTING and COMFORT.

a. First they "didn't believe" because of His SUDDEN appearance.

— His COMMON greeting ("Shalom") was a way to try and COMFORT them.

b. Second, they didn't BELIEVE because they were TERRIFIED (ptoeō, πτοέω) and frightened (ἐμφοβος emphobos), and ASSUMED that they were seeing His SPIRIT (πνεῦμα pneuma).

Matt. 14:26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost, (φάντασμα phantasma)" they said, and cried out in fear.

— Again, Jesus tried to comfort the TROUBLED disciples and offered to them that they TOUCH Him and OBSERVE His scars (hands and feet). Spirits DON'T have "flesh and bones," but Jesus did. (*It is I myself!*)

c. Thirdly, they didn't believe because of JOY. It was just "too GOOD to be TRUE."

— Jesus decided to give the disciples even MORE proof by EATING in front of them. (Obviously spirits can't eat!)

WHY DOES IT MATTER? WHY DID JESUS (AND LUKE) EMPHASIZE A PHYSICAL BODILY RESURRECTION?

1. Because without a BODY, there is NO resurrection. (*"I believe in the resurrection of the body . . ." Apostle's Creed*)

2. Because it is a reminder of Jesus' VICTORY over sin and that the Father considers sin's payment completely SATISFIED.

3. Because your body is God's CREATION and He intends to REDEEM it as He has redeemed your spirit. Since JESUS experienced a bodily resurrection, so will YOU!

4. Because understanding a bodily resurrection PROTECTS us from spirit-matter DUALISM.

PREACHED

Luke 24:44 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."

1. When the disciples were SATISFIED, Jesus began to teach using the SAME lesson He had used on the ROAD to Emmaus. (Books of Moses, Prophets, and Psalms)

Luke 24:26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

2. Jesus "OPENED their minds" and, for the first time, they UNDERSTOOD the prophecies and their fulfillments.

3. Jesus then described the PLAN for the GOSPEL.

a. That we can BELIEVE because what was written has been ACCOMPLISHED.

b. That REPENTANCE and forgiveness would be preached in His NAME. (Only Jesus is worthy!)

c. That the gospel SHOULD be and WOULD be global.

d. That the disciples (and all Christians) are WITNESSES.

e. That the promised Holy Spirit would be GIVEN, and He would CLOTHE His people with POWER.

PRACTICED

We STILL have the power of the Holy Spirit, and we are to be faithful WITNESSES to this Truth. How are you doing?