

INTRO: This reading continues the familiar account of the two Emmaeus disciples' conversation on the road and discussion with Jesus. This paragraph is weird. By 'weird' I mean it involves the supernatural, the unearthly, the inexplicable.

## I... OCCURRING ON AN EVENTFUL RESURRECTION DAY

### A. What's happening

1. crucifixion; burial; rose; descent into hell (1 Peter 3:19)
2. angel(s) rolled away stone; guards froze, reported (Mt.28:4,11)
3. women came, saw and heard Jesus (Mt.28:9)
4. Mary Magdalene alone saw and heard Jesus (Jn.20:14)
5. also Peter (Lk.24:34 & 1 Cor.15:5)
6. walk and talk with Emmaeus disciples (Lk.24:13-35)
7. text seems to be 5th appearance of Jesus that eventful day

### B. Weird circumstances, **beyond** a dead man now alive

1. v.33 'the eleven' (minus Thomas Jn.20:24) plus "those who were them" = 2 Emmaeus disciples; Judas dead; maybe more?)
2. doors shut for fear of the Jews (Jn.20:19)
3. Peter **had seen** Jesus earlier that ay (v.34)
4. women, if not now present, (v.33) had reported (vv.22-23)
5. now thought they were seeing a ghost (v.37; Mk.6:49)
6. they had seen crucifixion, burial; locked doors
7. the Risen Jesus invite their touch
8. He ate in their presence; weird

## II...FROM WHICH WE CAN LEARN SOME LESSONS

### A. Jesus disciples were (and we?) clueless

1. Jesus had repeatedly said that He'd die and rise on third day
2. how many time must something be repeated!
3. had they made up their minds what God should do?
4. they had seen miracles before (Mk.6:49 'ghost' walking on sea)
5. today: "I don't think God would condemn... (Sodom; deluge)
6. "A loving God wouldn't deny communion..." (to his damnation)
7. back off, and submit to divine revelation

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## B. Revelation overrules reason

1. disciples had witnessed crucifixion, spear, burial
2. reason says "when you're dead, you don't come alive"
3. reason says "the doors were shut"
4. laws of physics prohibit 2 solid objects from occupying same space
5. rational conclusion: ghost; hologram; illusion (RGV illusionists)
6. Jesus' 'touch' invitation overruled reasoning
7. when God speaks or acts, He has the final word
8. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10 refuge)  
"Who is this who darkens counsel w/o words of knowledge (Job.38:2)

## C. Jesus' resurrection is a fact

1. Jewish law required two or three witnesses to establish evidence
2. by now, over two dozen; fifth occasion, as aforesaid
3. vanished from Emmaeus; appeared behind closed doors here
4. touch, eating, conversations, and teachings
5. lesson #1, Jesus is God Incarnate!
6. He fulfilled all Old Testament, and all His own prophecies
7. His word is truth (Pilate, "king?" "for this cause I came into the world that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth My voice." Jn.18:37)
8. every Scriptural word from God is true, reliable, authoritative

## D. Jesus' resurrection dispels fears

1. about ghosts; about that which we don't understand
2. fears about death, judgment, hell (Is.53 God laid on Him...)
3. all our foolish notions and erroneous reason is forgiven
4. nothing more can be done to achieve redemption
5. yet, experienced disciples are capable of erroneous ideas
6. and will need to be directed back to Jesus' revelation (repentance)
- 7 focusing on who Jesus is and what He has accomplished
8. lesson: all sins are redeemed; death is conquered

CONCLUSION: I am closing w/o addressing the subject of resurrected Jesus eating fish and honey'. Will we? I'm putting that question in my lock box with all the other impossible questions, like, "How do you pass through locked doors?" That's a lesson for another day. Here is what we do know: this account proves that the Incarnate Christ is Risen Lord and God. Jesus is Lord. Sins are atoned. Jesus is risen. And so will His believers, just as He promised. And that ends our lesson for today. Amen