

Sunday, 04-09-2023

The Lord Appears
Bible Background: Luke 24:36-53
Printed Text: Luke 24:36-53 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Aim for Change:

- **DESCRIBE** the assurance of the power of the Holy Spirit.
 1. How can I **DESCRIBE** the power of the Holy Spirit by my actions?
 - **REFLECT** on the power of God displayed in Scripture.
 2. Do I **REFLECT** on something new when I study scripture?
 - **DECIDE** to seek the fulfillment of all that Jesus promised us.
 3. How disciplined am I with the **DECISION** I made to seek out Jesus' promises?
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Devotional Reading: Appearances of the Risen Lord – 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Matthew 13:24-30; Romans 1:16-17; Philipians 1:6

- Have I ever seen the Risen Lord? Is there vanity in my belief?
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Focal Verses – You Are Witnesses of These Things – Luke 24:36-53

- **Jesus' Appearance to His Disciples Behind Closed Doors (vv. 36-43) – John 20:19-23; 1 John 1:1-3**
 - Does fear/criticism keep my walk with Jesus hidden? Why is fear/doubt so powerful even after others' testimonies? Do I truly walk by faith if I can't see spiritually? Are my blinders blocking my blessings? Is my boredom with repetition stunting my growth?
 - **Jesus' Appearance to His Disciples in Jerusalem (vv. 44-49) – Ezekiel 39:28-29; Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-21, 5:29-42**
 - How has the Holy Spirit opened my eyes to the scriptures? Is my lack of repentance blocking the Holy Spirit's power in my life? How do I use my time when God makes me wait? What is God's agenda for me? Is my knowledge of God's word by the Holy Spirit or intellect? Am I convicted enough in my walk with Jesus to preach His Gospel? Am I patient enough to wait on God to do His will?
 - **Jesus' Ascension (vv. 50-53) – Sat: - John 21:15-19**
 - Am I completely dependent on God for all things? Has my praise, prayer and thanksgiving to God lost its salt? Am I prepared to go places in the name of Jesus? How am I treating Jesus' blessing to fulfill ministry? Am I in a ministry where the Ghost is absent? What will it take to be continuous in praising and blessing God?
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Daily Readings:

- **Tuesday:** The Appearance to Mary Magdalene – **John 20:11-18**
 - Do I recognize Jesus' voice when He calls my name? What has Jesus told me to share with others?
- **Wednesday:** The Appearance to Thomas – **John 20:24-29**
 - Does my faith need belief or proof? Does doubt lead to answers or rebellion?
- **Thursday:** The Appearance to Seven Disciples – **John 21:1-8**
 - What was I doing when Jesus appeared to me?
- **Friday:** Breakfast with the Disciples – **John 21:9-14**
 - How can I break bread with Jesus?
- **Saturday:** Simon Peter Called to Follow – **John 21:15-19**
 - Do I get upset when my love for Jesus is questioned? How do I show love to Jesus?

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