

## THREE PRELIMINARY PERSPECTIVES ON LUKE 24:44-49

## INTRODUCTION

1. Lk 24 = 1st LD & Jesus' res - v44-53. Vss of immense importance.

**1st: Luke 24:44-53 Occurred Over a Period of Forty Days**

1. Do the events of Lk 24:44-53 all occur on that first Lord's Day?
2. Jesus manifested His physical body - not a ghost - v37.
  - i. Emphasis on *seeing* - v37, 39, 40; & eating *before them* v43.
  - ii. Informs v48'*these things*. [1Jn 1:1-3] = events of that 1st Sunday
3. Jesus also taught how to interp OT - v25-27, included in *these things*
  - i. v44-48, Jesus again teaches OT & commissions as *witnesses*; v49 promises HS. v50-51 ascension & v52-53 return to temple.
  - ii. Luke covers same ground in A 1:1-12.
    - a. Jesus taught re: Kingdom *over a period of 40 days*.
    - b. Coming of HS [Pentecost] = *bapt of HS* [per JnB]. Confusion.
    - c. v9-12 Ascension & discs return to Jerusalem [v8].
4. Luke's writing style: panoramic & recap in detail [Rv 12:5]. 5+ wks from resurrection to ascension summarized in 9 vss.

**2nd: Luke 24:44-47 is a Syllabus for a Class on OT Interpretation**

1. v44-47 = description of 5 wk module course; "Jesus Christ & the Gospel to the Nations." Bibliography = OT. Final Exam = NT.
2. "What did Jesus teach apostles during those 40 days?" Content of NT
3. Final exam as *witnesses* - v49.
  - i. Grk "martus": translated as "witness" = legal testimony
    - a. A 13:46ff - *shook off the dust of their feet against them*
    - b. We are legally accountable having heard the apostolic witness & responsible to be witnesses - Jms 3:1 - *stricter judgment*.

- ii. Grk "martus": transliterated as "martyr". Take up cross; cf. Paul's commission included call to suffer - A 9:15-16. Instructed by res'd Ld in Arabia [Gal 1:11-12; 17-18].
- iii. *witness* = disciple [learner]; give legally binding testimony & is martyr

**3rd: Luke 24:44-49 is Luke's "Great Commission"**

1. "Commision" - authorize representative; entrust w/ a task
02. Mat 28:16-20 disciples return to Galilee; Jesus seen by 500 [1C 15:6]?
  - i. Supreme universal authority [Col 1:15-18; 1C 15:25-26].
  - ii. The resurrected Jesus is presently active - *Lo, I am w/you*.
  - iii. crux of commission - *make disciples* who comprise local churches
    - a. Trinitarian structure of bapt - single name, 3 persons
    - b. international composition of discs - *nations*
  - iv. Acts shows that apostles followed this blueprint to establish churches.
3. John's commission = Jn 20:19-23
  - i. v21 - the res'd Jesus sends apostles as He was sent by Father
  - ii. v22 = prophetic pantomime pointing to Pentecost
  - iii. v23 - alludes to "keys of Kingdom": *forgiving & retaining* - gospel will divide men, admitting & excluding - churchmanship.
4. Luke gives time-frame [A 1-2]. Luke's commission = Lk 24:44-48.
  - i. v44-45 = Mat's *teaching them to observe all that I commanded you*
  - ii. v46-48 = Mat's *make disciples*
  - iii. v49 = John's symbolic breathing of HS & Mat's promise of being w/ church - 2C 13:14.

**Applic #1: Appreciate the Importance of Lk 24:44-53.****Applic #2: Understand that Scripture Alone Must Interpret Scripture.**

1. 2 Pt 1:20-21 the challenge of interpretation - and application!

**Applic #3: Embrace Your Place in the Church.**