

BYF—May 3, 2026

Resurrection Appearance #4: Luke 24:36-53

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- 1. Open with prayer, and then read aloud Luke 24:36-53.**
- 2. Remind everyone about last week's lesson on Luke 24:13-35**
- 3. Explore the appearance of Jesus to the gathered disciples in Luke 24:36-43 (15 minutes).**
 - The resurrection body of Jesus can appear and disappear at His will, yet Jesus takes great pains to show He is not a ghost: they recognize Him, touch Him, watch Him eat real food.
 - Not a group hallucination (no such thing, by the way).
 - The reality of Jesus' presence is supported by their sensory experience.
 - ***Why is it important that Jesus is not a ghost or a vision—that He's real?***
 - ***What happens when we do not emphasize the objective reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection?***
- 4. Explore the teaching of Jesus to the disciples in Luke 24:44-49 (10 minutes).**
 - Jesus fulfills all that is written about Him in the Old Testament (Law, Prophets, & Psalms).
 - He gives the disciples understanding about this OT testimony about Himself.
 - Verses 46-49 summarize this teaching:
 - Suffer, rise from the dead, and provide forgiveness and reconciliation with God.
 - Disciples commissioned as witnesses to go and tell; but wait until the Spirit comes.
 - ***How is Jesus revealed in the Old Testament? How does this connect the Old Testament with the New Testament?***
 - ***How does this address our often willful ignorance about the Old Testament?***
- 5. Explore the transition to Acts in Luke 24:50-53 (10 minutes).**
 - Luke knows he will address this event and its implications in much more detail in Acts.
 - Jesus ascends to heaven to sit on the right hand of the Father (re: Apostles' Creed)
 - Disciples continue to worship and to praise God in expectation of what is to come.
 - ***How are we witnesses to the risen Christ? How are we part of the commission He has given to His disciples?***
 - ***How does this commission change our priorities and practices?***
- 6. Close in prayer.**