

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (2)**  
**Last Appearance and Ascension**  
**Luke 24:26-53**

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. Late Sunday evening [8:00] when Jesus appears to the apostles.
  - 1. They are gathered into a room together.
  - 2. Probably behind locked doors, John 20:19.
- B. Reliving the events of the past week.
  - 1. Discussing rumors of the resurrection.
  - 2. Listening to account of two from Emmaus.

**I. PEACE BE WITH YOU.**

- A. Calming a Troubled Group, vss. 36-38.
  - 1. Thinking they saw a ghost [spirit].
  - 2. Imagine the fearfulness.
  - 3. Peace be with you, John 20:19.
    - a. A common form of greeting.
    - b. Same use as in John 14:27.
    - c. “My peace I give...”
- B. Peace in Our Lives.
  - 1. The world tends to frighten easily.
    - a. Reports of theft, abduction, ...
    - b. Loss of income ...
  - 2. Peace from Christ.
    - a. Not like the world thinks, John 14:27.
    - b. Peace of mind in spite of storms around.
    - c. Romans 5:1, “*Justified through faith...*”
      - i. “*...justified ... reconciled to God*”, vss. 10-11.
      - ii. Peace transcending understanding, Phil. 4:7.
    - d. Romans 8:6, “...set on [*controlled by*] the Spirit ... peace.”

**II. PROOF POSITIVE.**

- A. Physical Proof of Resurrection, vss. 39-43.
  - 1. Apostles frightened at possible ghost.
  - 2. Jesus offers sight proof.
  - 3. Then actual touch proof.
  - 4. If not enough, he eats broiled fish.
- B. Impact on the World.
  - 1. This is the message preached by the apostles.
    - a. 1 John 1:1-3
    - b. 1 John 5:13 – so that we may “know”.
  - 2. Do we show proof positive? Ephesians 4:1-3
    - a. *Because He lives I can face tomorrow,*  
*Because He lives all fear is gone;*  
*Because I know He holds the future,*

*And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

3. We “preach” a good game.
4. Do we actually live the game we preach?

### III. PREACHING CHRIST.

- A. Understanding the Scriptures, vss. 44-46.
  1. *“Then He opened their minds...”*
  2. Going back to the Law, Prophets, and Psalms.
  3. Teaching the death, burial, resurrection, AND repentance and forgiveness of sins.
  4. Pray and study for an open mind and heart – to a better understanding.
- B. Teaching the Lost, vs. 47-49.
  1. Jesus says to begin in Jerusalem (cf. Acts 1:8).
    - a. Even to the people who crucified Him.
    - b. Doesn’t matter feelings towards Him.
  2. We must teach even to those we don’t think are worthy, Mt. 28:20.
    - a. “Into ***all the world...***”

### IV. THE PROMISED RETURN.

- A. Jesus Has Promised to Return
  1. John 14:3, *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”*
  2. Acts 1:11 – angels remind apostles.
  3. Picture of cowboy riding off into the sunset.
    - a. Not sure what happens next.
    - b. Will He return?
  4. We know for certain!
    - a. The tomb and the rolled-up face cloth.
    - b. Jewish servant – leaving table “rolled up” – ***He is coming back!***
- B. What Kind of Life to Live?
  1. Knowing for certain of His return ...
  2. Are we ready for that return?
  3. 2 Peter 3:11-12, “...what manner of person...”