

# He Is Risen

## Luke 24:36-47

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**Luke 24:36-47** can help you if you're still trying to decide what you think about Jesus and the resurrection.

### I. Start By Doubting Your Doubts

Be skeptical of your own skepticism especially if you've never taken time to carefully examine the claims of Jesus and the evidence for His resurrection.

If you don't believe in Jesus and the resurrection – that's your decision. But don't make that decision unless you've taken time to read the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John for yourself, as well as digging into other historical sources that confirm the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Please know if you have doubts you are not the first! Look again at what Jesus said at the end of **v. 38**.

**Luke 24:38** "... why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

Jesus could see their hearts and He knew that some of them had doubts! All the evidence in the world will never bring a person to absolute, 100% certainty about anything.

As you examine Jesus and the resurrection, make a decision the same way you do about any other important decision.

We all make decisions to move forward based on the information we have, which is never all the information we wish we had.

There's always a gap between 100% certainty and the information you do know!

Every decision you make is intellectual, emotional, volitional, and personal, which means that intellect can only take you so far.

### II. Stop Treating The Life Of Jesus Like Some Kind Of Inspirational Fable

In **Luke 24:42**, Luke tells us the fish was broiled. He gives us details like this because he never intended to give us an inspirational legend. He was recording historical facts! He gives lots of unnecessary details because this is a truth claim, not a fable.

It's the same thing you'll notice in **Luke 2** and **3** where he gives what seems like way too many details about who was ruling, when they ruled, and where they ruled.

**Luke 3:1-2** “Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.”

Luke takes the time to give us so many historical details because Luke was not writing a legend! It's the same thing you see the apostle John doing in his letter of **1 John**.

**1 John 1:1-3** “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you...”

Jesus was real. His death was real. His resurrection took place in real time and history. It happened, they saw it, and they are testifying to us about it.

### III. Look At What He Did For You

**Luke 24:46-47** “...and [He] said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.’”

He died and rose again to pay the price for your sin. This good news and free gift is for all nations! There's no exception clause. He came to save people from every tribe, tongue, language, and nation!

**Acts 4:12** “... there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name given among men by which we must be saved.”

### Conclusion –

What about you? Where are you today regarding Jesus and the claims of Christianity?

Don't let doubts keep you from making a decision, because Jesus lived the only perfect life, died the only perfect death, and then rose from the grave, conquering sin, Satan, death, and hell for anyone who believes!

If you're ready to make a decision based on what you do know about Jesus and the historical record of His life, death, and resurrection, then pray this simple prayer:

Dear God, I know I'm a sinner and could never save myself. Thank You for sending Your Son to do for me what I could never do to be right with You. I put my faith in Jesus as I surrender my life to Him. Come into my life. Forgive me. Make me new. And bring me into a relationship with You, I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.