

# Salvation Revealed

April 15, 2018 – Luke 24:45-48

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***“Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His Name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”***

Does anyone watch Jeopardy?

The contestants who know the most and can answer the most questions, can win some money, sometimes large amounts of money.

Knowledge is a highly sought after commodity. People spend large amounts of money and long hours to try to grow in knowledge.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, then to Peter, and to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

In this text we see Jesus that He appeared to the disciples behind locked doors.

They were behind locked doors because of fear of the Jewish leaders. The disciples felt that their lives were in danger.

As Jesus appears to His disciples He says to them: PEACE BE WITH YOU.

Despite their fear, there was peace.

Jesus had restored peace between God and mankind by His suffering and death on the cross and His payment for the sin of the world. It is by Christ’s glorious resurrection that He demonstrates that the payment for sin is complete, and that His payment for sin was acceptable before the throne of God.

Yet their hearts were troubled and when Jesus appeared to them:

**Vs. 37 – They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.**

Jesus then calmed their fears, with His Word

**Vs. 39 – Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself! Touch Me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.**

When God created the heavens and the earth, He created all things by His powerful Word. God said, Let there be - and it was so. There was Light and the sea and the dry land and the plants and the Sun, Moon and Stars, the animals and everything that exists.

In the same way, even though the disciples saw with their eyes the risen Savior, they needed to hear the Word of Jesus, which is the Word of God. It is through God’s Word and by His power that we are told:

**Vs. 45 – Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.**

**Vs. 46 – He told them, This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.**

This is why it is so important That each one of us Reads, studies and hears the Word of God.

In Paul’s letter to the Romans we are told:

**Romans 10:17 – Faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”**

It was by the Power of God that the minds of the disciples were opened so they could understand the SCRIPTURES.

Without the Bible, we would not know of Jesus our Risen Savior, and we would spend eternity in hell. We thank the Lord that He has brought us to faith in Christ our Risen Savior, so that we can look forward to heaven.

However, as Believers in the Lord Jesus, we have also been given work to do.

Some people struggle with their PURPOSE In LIFE.

As Christians we have our purpose given to us by God Himself.

**In Matthew 28:19-20 We are told by the Lord Jesus. Go Ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the Age."**

In Luke 24:47, even as the disciples are told by Jesus, so are all Believers in Christ.

**Vs. 47 – and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His Name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Vs. 48 – You are witnesses of these things.**

As Witnesses of Christ's Resurrection as revealed to us on the pages of Scripture, let us Go and tell. "Jesus Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed!"