

### III. Jesus deals with their sorrows.

"... he showed them his hands and feet." "Look at my hands and my feet."

Luke 24:40

#### Why does he show them those nail prints?

"Because those nail marks saved your life."

#### What is the resurrection?

The resurrection isn't joy *in spite* of the sorrow of Jesus; it's *because* of it. The resurrection power of God, will not just make you forget all the troubles of your life, all the tragedies of your life, all the might-have-beens of your life; it will include them. **Tim Keller**

(Jesus) endured the cross and ignored the shame of *that death* because He focused on the joy that was set before Him...

Hebrews 12:2

(Jesus) said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"<sup>28</sup> "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." John 20:27-29

### He is risen! He is risen indeed!

There is a tradition in the Eastern Orthodox Church that the saying was made popular by Mary Magdalene when she supposedly addressed Emperor Tiberius in Rome with the words "Christ is risen."

Using this address should be more than an empty tradition. The words "He is risen!" remind us of the joyous news we celebrate at Easter, that Jesus' death was not in vain, and that He has the power to overcome death. Saying "He is risen!" allows us to share this incredible truth with each other. The resurrection of Christ gives us hope for salvation and for our own resurrection and eternal life.

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### How Jesus resurrection appearance affects us today. Luke 24:36-49

<sup>35</sup> Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. <sup>36</sup> And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them.

"Peace be with you," he said. <sup>37</sup> But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! <sup>38</sup> "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt?" <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." <sup>40</sup> As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

<sup>41</sup> Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he ate it as they watched. <sup>44</sup>

Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.

<sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all these things. <sup>49</sup> "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

## I. Jesus answers their doubts by reason.

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Luke 24:38-41

### The experts on legends and vision literature will tell you:

*The resurrection account of Jesus is not the way you would write a fictional account. ... if you were going to make up a story about the resurrected Jesus Christ, you would never make up a story like this. ... He just appears in their midst and says, "Do you have anything to eat?" ... "And they gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he ate it." Seriously, if you were making up a story about the resurrected Jesus, you just wouldn't say things like this.*

N.T. Wright

### So why would Luke record it this way?

The only right answer is, it happened that way.

When Jesus shows up, do they immediately say, "We knew you could do it"? No.

But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

Luke 24:37

After Jesus goes through the first line of reasoning with them,

### What does it say?

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The idea of Jesus' resurrection as a way of coping with their cruelly broken dream has an apparent psychological plausibility to twenty-first century people, but it will not work as serious first-century history.

**N.T. Wright (Resurrection of the Son of God)**

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Luke 24:44-46

## II. Jesus redirects their lives.

You are witnesses of all these things.

Luke 24:48

It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'

Luke 24:47



Because the resurrection actually happened this means practically speaking that you have a hope to overcome anything in this life, from your guilt to your sorrows.

### When Jesus said:

Whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:26

He is saying, you're completely covered from whatever life hands you. You are simply in the warm up act for eternity.

### This is why the Apostle Paul would write:

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes...

Romans 1:16

We have simply the "best news" ever to share with the world.