

42-Luke-Pt28-Transcript

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well welcome back to Wednesday night
Bible study

wow what a case of mistaken identity and
what an embarrassment that was guy cool
me not guy Cooney and in this chapter
chapter twenty four we're going to deal
with a case of mistaken identity in this
case it's the reverse what we saw there
on the BBC was somebody who was not an
expert being mistaken for the expert in
the case that we see here in Luke 24 the
disciples are going to be dealing with
the expert in Scripture the expert in
the events that have just occurred and
they're going to think that he has
absolutely no understanding when in fact
he's the only one that really
understands what what had happened so
this is our last chapter of the Book of
Luke so we finished our series today
last week was quite intense where we
actually witnessed the crucifixion of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and
this chapter now Luke wraps up the first
volume of his two volume treatise two
Theophilus let's get started with a word
of Prayer Heavenly Father we praise you
so much and just thank you Father that
you have opened our understanding to the
scriptures and we pray father that this
evening will be no exception that as we
look into this final chapter of the
Gospel according to Luke that you would
deepen our understanding and deepen our
gratitude as well father and our
conviction we praise you we ask for your
blessing on our study now and we ask
this Lord in Jesus name Amen so let's uh
get started
we'll begin with where we left off last
time in Luke 23 after the crucifixion of

Christ

excuse me and at the end this gentleman went to the Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus so he had been crucified after the body then he took it down wrapped it in linen and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock where no one had ever been lain before and so that was appropriate for the Lord and noticed that he was wrapped carefully in linen and then placed in the tomb the day was the preparation and the Sabbath drew near and I had mentioned last week that this was an annual Sabbath that Christ was crucified on the Passover and the next day was a high day the first day of unleavened bread a lot of people get this confused thinking that this was a Friday dealing with the weekly Sabbath and then they believed that Christ was was resurrected on the Sunday and that's not three days and three nights and that is very Christ was very specific that he would be in the ground he would be dead in the grave for three days and three nights so we're very clear now this is the annual Sabbath the first day of unleavened bread and it's the preparation day and notice I had mentioned this last week that all of his disciples are Torah compliant Christ was born into a Torah compliant family he led his entire life and ministry being Torah compliant living by every word of God and his disciples here after his death are treating his body in a way that is Torah compliant and the women who had come with him all the way from Galilee so they began in Galilee with him and they they ministered to him and supported him all the way to Jerusalem they followed after and they observed the tone the tomb and how his body was laid so they

saw all of that then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils so that is going to be to dress the body later and they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment again we just want to emphasize how Torah compliant they are so then this is the annual Sabbath the first day of unleavened bread now on the first day of the week so in this case this is now the Sunday on the first day of the week very early in the morning they and certain other women with them say I'm sorry this Sabbath here was the weekly Sabbath the Sabbath that he was crucified on was the the Passover than the annual Sabbath arrested then the preparation day which was Friday now it's the weekly Sabbath and then on the first day of the week the Sunday very early in the morning they uncertain other women with them came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared now notice that the timing that he was resurrected on the first day of the week the Sunday now this is the Sunday during the weeks the week of unleavened bread and this is a very specific time that he was resurrected and we go back to Leviticus 23 to understand this the Lord spoke to Moses in Leviticus 23 if you're not familiar Moses outlines the holy days of God and these holy days actually represent the plan of God and if you're not familiar with this I'll just touch on it briefly here but if you're not familiar go to CGI dot org type in the search bar God's holy days and you'll see a number of articles there last week I spoke about the article God's seasonal plan but there are a number of other resources there as well that can help you understand God's plan and how it's revealed in these holy days and the Lord

spoke to Moses saying speak to the children of Israel and say to them when you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priests he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord to be accepted on your behalf on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it so this is the day after the Sabbath during the days of unleavened bread which is exactly the time that Christ was resurrected because he is the wave sheaf he is the firstfruits of the first of the firstfruits and you shall offer on that day and when you wave the sheaf a male lamb of the first year without blemish as a burnt offering to the Lord its grain offering shall be 2/10 of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil and offering made by fire to the Lord for a sweet aroma and its drink offering shall be of wine one birth of a hint you shall eat neither bread nor parched grain or fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings this is so important this is and again it is a predictive of Christ's resurrection and offering to God on our behalf and you shall and from that day from the day of the wave sheaf which is the the first day of the week after the Sabbath during the days of unleavened bread you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering seven Sabbath's shall be complete count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath and that's where we get the Greek term Pentecost meaning counting 50 count fifty days to the day after the

seventh Sabbath then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord and that's the period now that the disciples are entering into that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead victorious he has ascended to the Father he has made the wave sheaf offering on our behalf and now from this day the disciples will count fifty days to come to Pentecost which Luke will pick up in Acts chapter two but they so that's that's what that's what's happening here in terms of the timing we have to understand the plan of God we have to understand God's holy days a seasonal plan and that Jesus Christ is doing everything right on time back to Luke 24 so the women came to the tomb but they found not the stone rolled away from those they found the stone rolled away from the tomb so this thing was closed up when they came it was opened they went in so of course they would be curious what's going on here so they went in but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus and it happened as they were greatly perplexed they were confused about this that behold two men stood by them in shining garments so these obviously are two angels that have come to them then as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth they said to them why do you seek the living among the dead he is not here he is risen so so this question so and he says remember how he spoke to you when he was still in Galilee so he's that they're kind of scolding these women to say well why why are you here he's not here he told you that after three days and three nights he would rise and so why are you coming to seek a living God among the dead now this is what he told them when he was in Galilee now I just wanted to quote John

12 here that Philip who was from Bethsaida of Galilee asked him saying sir we wish to see Jesus so notice that Bethsaida is of Galilee just context for Luke 9 and the apostles when they had returned told him all they had done then he took them and went aside privately into the deserted place belonging to the city called bethe side so this is now his teaching in Galilee and what did he teach them in Luke 9 remember when we were in Luke 9 the Son of man must suffer many things so they were just were enjoying this victory that they were having and he's now telling them in Bethsaida in Galilee that the Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and be raised the third day and he goes further let these words sink down into your ears for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men but they did not understand this saying and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it and they were afraid to ask him about this saying so they just couldn't understand what it was he was saying but he was very clear he was in Galilee he was on his way to Jerusalem he's determined to go to Jerusalem and he understood exactly the conflict that would occur there and this conflict between Christ and the scribes and the Pharisees actually goes all the way back to genesis 3:15 this is the prophecy in a very first prophecy that God gave and is done in his sentence to the devil I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed so when Christ comes there's going to be this conflict and he said to the scribes and Pharisees you are of your father the

devil and the deeds of your father you will do so they are the seed of Satan and this is where this conflict was predicted that all through as we march through the Bible story workers constantly seeing this this conflict between the seed of Satan and the seed of the woman he shall in the translation here says a bruise the old King James says crush which is a better translation he shall destroy you this seed of the woman shall finally destroy the serpent he will crush your head and in the process you shall bruise his heel so this this is the ancient prophecy that is now being fulfilled that Christ warned his disciples and taught his disciples was going to occur in Jerusalem so continuing now in the 24 where the angels are reminding the disciples that the women of what Christ said in beside ur saying the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and it must be this is what's necessary and be crucified and the third day rise again and they remembered his words so they didn't understand at the time but they did hear it and now as they're being reminded they actually remembered he said this then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest and it was Mary it was Mary Magdalene Joanna Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles now it came to pass and just going back to Luke 8 we we actually referenced this last week again just how faithful these women were and the honor that these women have as disciples of Christ that Christ honored them and enabled them to be the first ones to declare that he has risen

and in Luke 8 it came to pass after what he went through every city and village preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God the good news of the kingdom and the twelve with him and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities Mary called Magdalene out of whom came seven demons Joanna the wife of Chuza the steward of Herod's household and Susanna and many others who provided for him with their substance and so that began in Galilee and they traveled with him all the way to Jerusalem being very faithful and then God honored these women being the first to declare that he has risen in 2411 and their words so they're telling that the other disciples now what happened that that they went into the tomb and the tomb was empty and their words seemed to them as idle tales so they just thought these women are beside themselves they're hallucinating they have no clue what they're talking about and they did not believe them but Peter arose and ran to the tomb so again Luke is just highlighting Peter's character he's very decisive he takes initiative he's usually the first one to make a decision or to take action and so he arose and he ran to the tomb he needs to check this out for himself because they're insisting that this is true and so he just had to check it out so rather than sit around and argue he gets up and he runs to the tomb and stooping down so he steps in he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves and so now it is impossible that somebody broke into this tomb and stole the body because they would have stolen the clothing as well anybody instead the clothing is neatly laid down and so he confirms for himself that the body of

Christ is not there he saw the linen
cloth line by themselves and he departed
marveling to himself at what had
happened

so he just cannot quite work out what
has happened here his his brain can't
process it I don't know if you've ever
been in that situation where you're
looking at something and it just doesn't
make any sense to you you can't quite
process it that's what's happened to him
now

now behold two of them were traveling
that same day to a village called Emmaus
so they were which was seven miles from
Jerusalem so Christ is crucified in
Jerusalem they thought that he was going
to be the Redeemer a Rome got the upper
hand and and killed him just like they
kill all they would be claimed people
who claim to be the Messiah they all
they all got dealt with handily and and
so Christ was dealt with by wrong and so
they've basically packed it in let's go
fishing and so there they're already
seven miles from Jerusalem going back to
looks like going back to their home
Emmaus and they talked together of all
these things which had happened and
that's certainly I know with my wife
when things happen we just need to talk
it through and then sometimes I might
find I'm repeating myself because that's
how the brain works we need to process
it can't just keep it all in here and so
we're talking they're trying to figure
out what happened and they're just going
over and over again all the things that
had happened so it was while they
conversed and reasoned and some say they
were actually arguing with each other
and these two men that Jesus himself
drew near and went with them so they're
there they're talking and he's going

head and he's with them and so he joins them on this road to Emmaus and so he joins them and they're now walking together the three the three of them the two men and Jesus but their eyes were restrained so that they did not know him so so there he is but they don't know who this is and it's completely outside of the realm of possibility - to them that Jesus would have survived to that crucifixion so they're not even beginning to see suspicious as to who this man is

it's just a man who's joined them and he said to them what kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and and you're sad you're just so brokenhearted and you're arguing with each other and what is this all about then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to him are you the only stranger in Jerusalem and have you not known the things which have happened there in these days so it's really kind of ironic here that he is accused in Christ of being a stranger like I do you thrown ly person that has no clue as to what has happened here when in fact he's the only person that actually understands everyone else everyone else is completely clueless so it's quite a Luke Wright for a bit of irony here and you do not you have not known the things which have happened in these days and he said to them what things and they said to him the things concerning Jesus of Nazareth who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people so that was their perspective of him that he was a prophet

now Peter understood because he asked the disciples all who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am and he

said clearly that he was the Messiah the Son of the Living God and then he said well don't tell anybody you actually forbade them from sharing that but they understood but here these disciples see him really is a great prophet he was a real prophet and he was mighty in deed and word before God and all the people and and despite that how the chief priests and all the rulers delivered him to be condemned to death and crucified him so this is the news and they can't believe that somebody so close to Jerusalem like did you just arrive through somewhere like how could you not know this this is the top all over but notice this now verse 21 but we were hoping that it was he who was going to redeem

real that was the purpose of the Messiah so if this was the true Messiah that's what he would do there under Roman occupation there under Roman oppression they're being abused by these Roman leaders and and the Jewish leaders who are in collusion and collaboration with the Roman Empire and they really believe that this if this is the Messiah they're he's finally gonna cast off this burden of oppression and they believe that in fact that's what he was going to do indeed besides all this today is the third day since these things have happened now this hope that the Messiah would redeem Israel that he would restore the kingdom to Israel this wasn't some flippin thing and unfortunately Christianity has been so mutated so transformed into something unrecognizable than biblical Christianity that to the point where when you tell people Jesus Christ came for Israel they're like what well of well I've never heard that what

would it mean when that's the whole point
Israel is his wife and he came as a loving husband to give himself and sacrifice himself to redeem his wife and this again goes all the way back to Genesis 3 in in the prophecy to Eve what would happen and that she was the mother of all living and she now would be redeemed through her seed now this understanding the Apostles had it very clearly because in the second volume of Luke when Christ appeared now they're counting towards Pentecost 40 days now into the count Christ appears to them to teach them therefore when they had come together they asked him saying Lord will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel so they understood that truly he is the Messiah they knew his purpose very clearly is to redeem Israel and to restore the kingdom to Israel to take off the oppression from Israel but there's a lot of replacement theology now that says though we don't need to concern ourselves with Israel the church is the spiritual Israel we don't care about Israel well you know the church is Israel to the extent that all of us have been grafted into Israel and there is only one Israel and there's believing Israel and there's unbelieving Israel but unbelieving Israel will be restored and we'll see that later so again let's just keep that narrative very plainly in mind because we will be deceived if we don't understand this if we keep the Bible's narrative the grand narrative firmly in view we will never be deceived because God does not change his purpose but if we don't understand God's purpose then deceivers can come to us in all different forms and tell us a purpose that is actually counter to God's

purpose and we'll believe it so we must we must pin this narrative down God's plan yes then starting back to the 24 yes in certain women of our company who arrived at the tomb early astonished us and assuring with Christ what happened these women they were very early in the morning they came to the tomb they came back and they just shocked us when they did not find his body they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive and certain of those who are with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said so when Peter got up and ran probably others decided that's a good idea and they went with him and they found it exactly as the women had said even though they thought the women were beside themselves but him they did not see then he said to them so so the Angels scolded the women and now Christ scolds these two disciples he says to them o foolish ones and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory in other words they didn't understand the grand narrative there's one narrative it begins in Genesis and it runs all the way through the Old Testament Scriptures in fact now that we have the New Testament we see the same narrative running all the way through the old and new Testament from Genesis to Revelation but if we don't understand this this overarching narrative or this undercurrent to the Bible then the Bible is just this hodgepodge of different people writing and we think they're contradicting each other and it just really we don't really grasp it and this is what Christ is saying like you should have grasped it you should be able to

string together everything that the prophets have spoken because they're all speaking the same thing they're all talking across and along the same narrative and if we understand that narrative we would understand that Christ has to suffer and we would not be offended by it and in fact if we really understand we understand that the body of Christ also has to suffer and we will not be offended by it it's just it's part of the story and we understand and then we're going to enter into his glory that if we suffer with him we will also be glorified with him and so we cannot be offended by what evil men do we must just stand firm like Christ faced the full brunt of evil with a commitment to the Covenant with a commitment to covenant love and in this way the love of God conquers the greatest evil of Satan and this is how the New Kingdom is established and that's why Christ said to his disciples you know the Gentiles they Lord authority over each other and and the people who are being subjected and oppressed call them benefactors but it should not be so among for you though among you God is looking for a different type of people and that's what we must become so that we are faithful to the Covenant and faithful to the narrative around this covenant now ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory very hard for human beings to understand this because we are infected by the devil which is all-around selfishness and and Satan actually challenged God around Jove to say skin for skin yes all that a man has he will give for his life and so this is Satan's ace card that if he threatens

people with their life they will throw everything away in order for self-preservation is so deep-rooted that Satan can always take advantage of it but not with Christ not so with Christ he did not come for self-preservation he came to preserve Israel he came to redeem Israel and so his life he was he willingly sacrificed his life and this is why the devil could have no power over him he says all these things I'll give you if you worship if you fall down and worship me Christ said get behind me Satan get behind me because he was committed and he was not consumed with himself and so as Christians we need to develop this holy spirit ability to grow beyond self-preservation and in this way the devil has no power over us in Luke 18 Christ again teaching his disciples he took the twelve aside and said to them behold we are going to Jerusalem and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished all the prophets are telling the same story Jesus Christ the Lamb of God was sacrificed from the foundation of the world and from that foundation all the way through the history of mankind God has had this plan of redemption in mind and all the prophets of Israel have spoken to this plan this is all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished for he will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon they will scourge him and kill him and a third day He will rise again but they understood none of these things they teaching them these things have been teaching them all the way along and they just couldn't get it they did not

understand these things the saying was hidden from them and they did not know the things which were spoken but Zecharia right at the beginning of our very first chapter when we opened up the Book of Luke notice Zechariah's prophecy now the father of John now is fought John's father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and through the Holy Spirit inspiration he prophesied saying blessed is the Lord God of Israel God identifies himself thousands of times as the God of Israel he's not the God of all nations he stopped being the god of all nations in Genesis chapter 12

yeah prior to that he was the God of all nations but then beginning in Genesis 12 he becomes the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and he identifies himself thousands and thousands of times as the God of Israel forever forever that means Israel is forever in any ideology that says we must completely destroy Israel is of the devil because God is the God of Israel forever therefore he's going to preserve Israel forever for he has visited and redeemed his home he has raised up a horn of salvation for us us Israel in the house of his servant David so this salvation is coming through the line of Judah as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets so zechariah understood what all the prophets were saying all the way along and this is what's happening who have been since the world began that we should be saved from our enemies again that enmity that hostility between the seed of Satan and the seed of the woman and from the hand of all those who hate us to perform the mercy promised to our fathers this was a mercy that was promised to our fathers and to remember his holy Covenant God is

a God of Covenant the oath which he
swore to our father Abraham to grant us
that we being delivered from the hand of
our enemies might serve him without fear
in holiness and righteousness before him
all the days of our life
so Zechariah understood very clearly
what all the prophets were teaching and
that Christ was the fulfillment of these
prophecies the disciples unfortunately
although Christ taught them they didn't
get it
so now Christ has it the resurrected
Christ the Redeemer now teaches them
again and beginning at Moses and all the
prophets he expounded to them in all the
scriptures concerning the things
concerning himself
so Moses means the Torah the first five
books so he went into the Torah
initially and showed them in the Torah
all of the prophecy that's contained in
there about himself using that then as
the launching pad he then goes through
all of the prophets to show that there's
one narrow that narrative begins in
Moses and it runs through the whole set
of scriptures the whole corpus of
scriptures and all the prophets words
were speaking the same narrative so when
we have a prophet come along that
contradicts this narrative is a false
prophet he expounded to them in all the
Scriptures the things concerning himself
now just in Moses when we are we already
talked about the holy days so we already
explained how God has a seasonal plan
and the holy days prophesy all about
Christ and they point to Christ they
actually begin with the Passover
sacrifice and using that as the the
launch pad then it just explains how
God's plan of redemption actually works
so that's one part of most ISM is

multiple places it's all over Moses every book but here in Deuteronomy notice this prophecy in the Torah Deuteronomy 30 we'll look at the first few verses now it shall come this is Moses he's not going into the promised land and so now he's giving this prophecy to the children of Israel who are going on to the promised land and he knows he's not going with them now it shall come to pass when all these things come upon you and you'd have to read Deuteronomy 28 and 29 and just see the blessings that were extended to Israel if they obey God and the curses that would come upon them if they disobey him and now after explaining all these blessings and cursings Moses says to them when all these things have come upon you the blessing and the curse which I have set before you so Moses is not under an illusion here he said to them you're gonna inherit the promised land you're going to start out obedient but then you're gonna disobey and so you're going to enjoy the blessings but then you're going to enjoy the curses and so you're going to have this mixed history in the promised land and you know we know David will come along and establish the kingdom and they're gonna enjoy blessings as a result but it's mixed it's this back and forth they have good Kings they have bad Kings so they're gonna have the blessings and the curses and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you so ultimately it's going to be disaster and they're going to be expelled from the promised land they they cannot be the people who were before them they were expelled for their their nastiness and filthiness and now

Israel comes into the land and they engage in the same nastiness and filthiness and they think they can stay in the land and they can't this land is Holy Land it's promised land and there's a covenant agreement around the land and the agreement says that God will expel them if they are disobedient and so they would be here we are that you will call them to mind you'll call the blessings and cursings among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you and you return to the Lord your God and obey his voice so there's a repentance that Moses sees in the future according to all that I command you today so that repentance is to conform to the Torah you and your children with all your heart and with all your soul so Moses understood what was going to happen and he saw this wholehearted repentance finally in Israel and that with that wholehearted repentance somehow they would be able to return to the land that the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you this is the second Exodus and we spoke about that earlier and this is not possible without the sacrifice of price because God is a God of his word and so these punishments must come upon Israel and what the Redeemer has done is he's come and he's taken all that punishment upon himself and because he lived by every word of God when Israel accepts him as their Savior they can now legally inherit the promised land they can come back into the promised land when they accept him as their Savior they can receive the Holy Spirit and

they can have a circumcised heart that truly wants to obey God and Moses understood the Redeemer that that this would happen

if any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven from there the Lord God will gather you so Moses understood that the future that when Christ returns in his power and glory with all his holy angels the angels are going to go all over the four corners of the earth and they're going to gather Israel and bring them back to the promised land the Lord your God will bring you to the land which your father's possessed and you shall possess it so he also understands the resurrection these people are gonna die they're gonna be resurrected and they shall possess the land he will prosper you and all of this Ezekiel speaks about in great detail he will prosper you and multiply you more than your father's and the Lord your God will circumcise your heart Moses understood the receipt of the holy spirit and the heart of your descendants to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul that you may live but that's not possible

without Christ coming and dying and resurrected and then sending the Holy Spirit also Lord your God will put all these curses on your enemies oh all those nations that are going to surround Jerusalem and try to destroy Jerusalem and destroy the seed of Israel oh all those curses are beyond them and on those who hate you who persecuted you and you will again obey the voice of the Lord and do all his commandments which I command you today so Moses fully understood they're going

into the Promised Land they're ultimately they're going to be disobedient they are going to be scattered throughout all the nations they're gonna die in in in their disobedience but somehow there's a mechanism in place that when God speaks he will carry out his word and these people have been predestined to be the people of God and so they're going to be resurrected he's gonna put his spirit in them he's gonna bring them back to the promised land and they will be this nation of priests and through them the whole earth will have Redemption and we we Gentiles who are grafted in early we're just a foretaste of what's gonna happen for the whole world everybody is coming into Israel the Covenant is with Israel back to Luke 24 then they drew near to the village where they were going and he indicated that he would have gone further so he's gonna continue walking but they constrained him saying stay with us for it is toward evening and the day is far spent and he went in to stay with them now it came to pass as he sat at the table with them that he took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them then their eyes were opened and they knew him and he vanished out of their sight so so as soon as they recognized him finally they see who he is he just disappeared you can imagine that but maybe it was something in the way that he he took the bread and and the blessing that he said on it and the way he broke it in and and hosted them so even though he was the guest he's now the host and he's he's sharing the bread with them that they would have had many many meals with him before and they could they could immediately recognize this manner and suddenly it's

like it's just a very clarifying moment
and I don't even just this week a clear
I actually was last week the hotel where
we rent for our weekly Sabbath service I
needed to go back there during the week
to pick up a piece of equipment and so I
met the hotel manager at the lobby but I
was in my casual clothing he's always
seen me in a suit at the time and so I
was casual clothing I had a golf hat on
and I told him I was here to pick up
some equipment and he was just really
like very suspicious like that I he he
wasn't sure who I was and because when
we see people run some run into somebody
out of context and you just can't
process who they are but this put
everything back in context when he they
would sit with him and share meals and
like wow this is the Lord and as soon as
they recognized him he disappeared now I
just want to Lucas kind of doing a call
back here to Elijah and second Kings
when he Lystra prayed and said lord I
pray open his eyes that he may see then
the Lord opened the eyes of the young
man he saw and behold the mountain was
full of horses and chariots of fire all
around Elijah
so the Elijah prayed that the eyes would
be open so he could see the power that
was with him and Christ has asked them
this about to ask the disciples to go on
very dangerous work and us by extension
this work is very dangerous but we have
to have our eyes opened because the Lord
says behold I am with you to the ends
end of the world to the end of the age
this powerful God who has commissioned
us to do this work he's with us and so
our eyes have to be opened so we
understand who is with us the power of
the force that is with us then they said
to one another did not our heart burn

within us while he talked with us on the road so even though they didn't recognize him and they're trying they're educating him at the same time something was burning inside them and they were they were disoriented and they would bit anxious and there was something going on inside and and while he opened the scriptures to us so while he's teaching them the scriptures they would do you know they were kind of something was something was up so they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem so they had left Jerusalem now it's all over leave it now
Wow

he's alive we're going back to Jerusalem and they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together saying the Lord is risen indeed and has appeared to Simon so they they he must have explained to them that he had met Simon and spoken to Simon and so they're going back and they're telling everybody look the Lord indeed has risen he's appeared to Simon and they told about the things that had happened on the road and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread so it was some again something about the way he broke the bread that just made it all familiar to them and they immediately finally recognized him now as they had said these things so now they're explaining to the disciples and while they're explaining all this Jesus himself stood in the midst of them so first he just vanished now he just appears and he said to them peace to you and they were terrified and frightened and supposed that they had seen a spirit this is just completely outside of their experience and they cannot process it and so the only explanation they have is this this

must be a spirit and the question and
the job asks this question if a man dies
shall he live again and Joel understood
he said all the days of my hard service
I will wait till my change comes and so
we now need to understand we have proof
that if we die we shall live again
because Christ died he was crucified and
he lived again and he lives now and and
he's going to resurrect us so we cannot
fear death
and and now we have to have this in our
experiential frame that death is not the
end
and Christ proves it and he said to them
why are you troubled and why do doubts
arise in your hearts he's really trying
to get through to them like you guys
have to believe I've been teaching this
all along all along teaching even the
angels came and chided the women that
we've got to take God at His Word and we
do you know that's why he says to us
when the Son of Man comes will he find
faith on the earth and and it's asked in
such a way as to say no or hardly and
the reason is we don't believe God's
Word and so first we have to know God's
Word and that's why we're doing these
studies and you know we also remind you
that so we have to study on Romans uh
pastor Watson is up to Romans 7 critical
critical chapter and there's so much
confusion around what the true church
teaches and a lot of that confusion
comes from the greco-roman influence and
and and how the understanding of the
letter to Roman's Rome is a very complex
letter and Bill Watson is just going
through it very very methodically and
making it very very clear how to
understand really understand what Paul
is writing in Romans and so we want to
be making sure we're understanding God's

Word without confusion and the more we understand God's Word and His faithfulness to his word the deeper our faith will be when the Son of Man comes will he find faith on the earth well let's say yes you will find it with us cuz we're gonna read God's Word and we're gonna believe God's Word and that's what faith is faith isn't oh I believe that one day I will you know be famous I have faith that's not faith faith is God says this okay I trust God's Word I believe that God what he speaks he's gonna do that's faith why are you troubled and why do doubts arise in your hearts behold my hands and my feet that it is high myself handle me and see for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have so they're they're believing this must be a spirit isn't just can't be and he said he was able to appear in such a way that he truly was flesh and bone and he appeared in such a way that the marks of the crucifixion were retained and so they were able to handle him and see that the actual marks the scars and the the piercings of the crucifixion and see that it really is the Lord when he had said this he showed them his hands and feet but while they still did not believe for joy and marveled so this was just so overwhelming and they wanted to believe but they just did just too good to be true he said to them have you any food here so they gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb and he took it and ate in their presence he really wants them to understand I'm not a spirit this is not an apparition this is not a hologram some kind of special effects I am here as a human being I am alive and to prove that let me let me eat in front of you handle me touch me

and give me some food then he said to them so finally when they finally realized in wow it's the Lord he's back he's alive after that brutal crucifixion three days and three nights later he's alive then he said to them these are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses the Torah and the prophets and the Psalms concerning me very interesting that he calls out the song separately so it's them it's the Torah the prophets and the Psalms full of prophecy about the Lord and that's what he was telling this now all of it was pointing to his death burial and resurrection and he opens their understanding but they might comprehend the script so the Scriptures are something that we can't just read and understand it's something that God has to open our understanding and and by His mercy you know week upon week month upon month year upon year where we're understanding more and it's only by a miracle of God that we can understand and so the wicked will not understand and the wicked will do wickedly but the wise shall understand then he said to them thus it is written and thus it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day who is missing it was necessary to suffer for your sake in order for him to redeem Israel and for Israel to legally inherit the land it was necessary for their Messiah to live the perfect life by every word of God and inherit the land and at the same time to take all of the punishment that should fall upon the head of Israel and to take that upon himself so that now he can be the appeasement and Israel can

enter the land it was necessary and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all nations the plan was always to use Israel as a kingdom of priests and kings and priests to all the nations and and and the Jews got all confused and thought that they were somehow exclusive and they would use the term Gentiles in in a in a pejorative manner in a derogatory manner but that was never the plan the plan was to set this nation up to facilitate the redemption of all mankind beginning at Jerusalem to the Jew first then the Gentile and again in Luke 2 this was very clear Luke was very Luke who was a Gentile grafted into Israel who is writing to Theophilus most likely in another Gentile writing to him about Paul the minister to the Gentiles he understood he says here in Luke 2 my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared before the faces of all peoples and so I believe that it was simians understanding out this is salvation for everybody for all peoples a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel Israel has been singled out for a special purpose and all the Gentiles are going to acknowledge that God is the God of Israel and then he says here now after they understand all of this these disciples these Jewish disciples he says to them and you are my witnesses of these things and he's gonna send them out beginning at Jerusalem behold I send the promise of my father upon you but wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high so don't get discouraged don't leave stay here you're going to be my witnesses but don't do anything until you receive

power from on high which is the promise of my father and that promise is throughout the scriptures but very specifically in Joel Joel writes it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and this is what Moses understood this is why Moses could write all the way back from Deuteronomy 4 before he really even inherited the land that they're going to disobey they're going to be scattered all over but there is a redeemer they are going to be redeemed and so this is the promise of the father that he will pour out his spirit on all flesh your sons and your daughters shall prophesy your old men shall dream dreams your young men shall see visions and also my men's servants and my maid servants I will pour out my spirit in those days so their hearts will be circumcised and they're going to turn to the Lord with all of their heart and soul in mind then he led them out as far as Bethany so just just outside of Jerusalem and he lifted up his hands and bless them so he's now leaving them he blesses them now it came to pass while he blessed them that he was parted from them and carried up into heaven so while he's blessing them now he's just rising and he's separating from them notice this now notice what Luke writes and they worshiped him a lot of controversy is Jesus God yes he is well Luke never said he was God well he's being very clear here these are the faithful disciples throughout the whole book we understand how Torah compliant Christ was we saw how Torah compliant the disciples were when they were preparing the body and observing the Sabbath and the annual Sabbath's in the weekly Sabbath and now is this an act of

idolatry now that they're so encouraged
have they reverted to idolatry and
they're worshipping Christ or is this an
act of faithfulness enjoined by the
Torah they worshipped him
and they returned to Jerusalem with
great joy for they were they went from
absolute dejection and depression now
they're coming back to Jerusalem with
great joy

now Jerusalem is the center of God's
attention and in Luke 19 the same
Jerusalem he told them it's going to be
leveled and your children with you to
the ground and they will not leave in
you one stone upon another because you
did not know the time of your visitation
he wanted to gather them he wanted to
look after them they rejected him he
said okay this is what's gonna happen to
Jerusalem but at the same time in
Ezekiel Ezekiel prophesizing says thus
says the Lord God this is Jerusalem I
have set her in the midst of the nations
and the countries all around her
Jerusalem is the jewel the earth is the
jewel of the the whole universe and is
gonna be a new heavens and new earth and
the earth is gonna be at the center and
God Himself is going to come to earth
and he's going to come to Jerusalem
Jerusalem is going to be the center of
the whole universe and that's why in
Matthew 24

or prices beware that no man deceive you
and he says that's right after
condemning Jerusalem in Matthew 23 and
then he says don't let anybody deceive
you and he talks about the abomination
of desolation and we mustn't ever
believe that God has given up on
Jerusalem that he's given up on Israel
he hasn't in Matthew 24 so they they
worship God and were continually in the

temple praising and blessing God and they worshipped him now notice in Luke 4 the devil said to him all this Authority I will give you and their glory for this has been delivered to me and I will give it to ever I wish therefore if you will worship me if you will worship before me everything will be yours and Jesus answered and said to him get behind me Satan for it is written you shall worship the Lord your God and him only you shall serve so Christ was very clear you only serve God you only worship God and now his disciples upon his victory fall down and worship Him clearly Jesus is God there is one supreme god that's the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ and Jesus is in the God family and he has come to redeem mankind place us all in the God family under God the Father so cry God is working to bring everybody under Christ and once everybody is under Christ and his enemies are completely crushed including the enemy of death then first Corinthians 15 shows us at that time he turns everything over to the Father so that brings us to the end of the Gospel according to Luke want to thank you so much for staying with me throughout all these weeks and just how much we've been able to uncover together now all of this began in Luke 1 that this was a letter to Theophilus and Luke writes he says in as much as many have taken in hand to set him order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us so all these people who are eyewitnesses they sat down and they were writing these different narratives of what happened so it's a Luke is basically saying I know

this has all been done however it seemed good to me also having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first to write to you and orderly account most excellent Theophilus so he has this two-volume work and we did acts if you if you missed acts that that's in the archive if you go to CGI orgs slash webcast you'll just look at the bottom you'll see the archive for acts and it'd be a good idea actually to after we finish now we're gonna take the rest of August off and God willing we'll resume our study in the fall and in September I should say the first week of September and when we resume our study we will begin with revelation we're going to study the book of Revelation and this is the only book in the Bible that pronounces a very specific blessing on those who will read it it's almost like Christ understood that people may not want to read this it's like it's like the Passover you know I think naturally we want to celebrate Christ's birth but he tells us doesn't tell us of sovereign birth he says celebrate my death yeah until I rely and there's so much blessing and understanding the Passover death of Christ well here in Revelation chapter one the revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to him to show his servants things which must shortly take place and he sent and signified it by his angel to his servant John who bore witness to the Word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ now reminds me I said I think was not last week but the week before that all of the apostles were martyred and that's actually incorrect all of them were martyred except for John who was exiled to the island of Patmos where he could receive this revelation and certainly they all

suffered for this test
but John was not murdered so he bore
witness to the Word of God to the
testimony of Jesus Christ to all things
that he saw blessed is he notice this
blessing so we're gonna have this
blessing together blessed it is he who
reads so I plan to read and those who
hear hopefully you plan to hear the
words of this prophecy and keep those
things which are written in it for the
time is near and it's certainly it's
nearer now than it has ever been and if
we can again you know the Angels and
Christ Himself chided the disciples for
not understanding God's Word and not
believing him at his word and I love
this final scripture that will quote in
numbers 23 God is not a man that he
should lie nor a son of man that he
should repent that he should change his
mind has he said and he will not do or
has he spoken and he will not make it
good and this is what faith is that we
accept God at its word and we know that
he's not a man so he cannot lie he will
not lie and he doesn't change his mind
so once we understand the narrative and
that's why I really I wanted to do Luke
acts and revelation because it's one
narrative and in fact if we understand
this narrative of Luke acts revelation
we actually understand the whole book of
the whole narrative from Genesis
straight through to Revelation because
there are so many callbacks to the Old
Testament Scriptures and it puts the Old
Testament Scriptures in the right
context so we can understand the grand
narrative of the Bible and we can never
be deceived so inviting you to join me
in September the first Wednesday evening
in September will resume with the book
of Revelation and I will be blessed as I

read it to you and you'll be blessed as
you hear it I certainly hope that you've
enjoyed the Gospel according to Luke I
hope that our understanding has
increased of this great news of the
kingdom of God
god bless goodnight remember Jesus
Christ is our Lord
King and our Savior