

- I. Physical evidence of the resurrection of Jesus (v. 36-43)
 - A. The disciples saw Jesus alive
 - B. The disciples heard Jesus speak
 - C. The disciples touched Jesus’ new body

“That which was from the beginning, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life.” (I John 1:1)

- D. The disciples saw Jesus’ wounds
 - E. The disciples saw Jesus eat a meal
- II. Biblical Evidence of the resurrection of Jesus (v. 44-49)

- A. Jesus reminded them of his words

“Everything that is written about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.” (John 18:31-33)

- B. Jesus told them that the Old Testament pointed to him
 1. The gospel was foretold by the Law of Moses

“Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover Lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the door frame. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood and will pass over that doorway.” (Exodus 12:21-23)

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.’” (John 1:29)

2. The gospel was foretold by the Prophets

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

3. The gospel was foretold by the Psalms

“A band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.” (Psalm 22:16)

- C. Jesus helped them to understand the Scriptures

“If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” (Luke 16:31)

1. That Christ must suffer and die

2. That Christ will raise from the dead

3. That the gospel must be preached

“How, then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” (Romans 10:14)

4. That the gospel must go to all nations

“I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6)

5. That his disciples will be his witnesses

6. That God will give his disciples power

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses.” (Acts 1:8)

III. The changed disciples (v. 50-53)

A. They worshipped Jesus

B. They experienced great joy

C. They were bold witnesses for Jesus

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” (Acts 4:31)