

MESSAGE NOTES

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“JESUS LIVES TO CHANGE PROPHECY TO FULFILLMENT!”

If you were Cleopas that first Easter Sunday, what kind of emotions would you have experienced?

- *“He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see” (Luke 24:19b-24).*

READ: Luke 24:36-49

1. Confirmed by _____

What were the disciples doing when Jesus appeared to them that first Easter evening?

“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your minds?” (verse 38)

Jesus said, “Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms” (verse 44). What are some of those things?

- *“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel” (Gen. 3:15).*
- *“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... He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth” (Isaiah 53:5,7).*
- *“you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay” (Psalm 16:10).*

Why is it important that Jesus perfectly fulfill the prophecies?

2. Witnessed by _____

- *“You are witnesses of these things” (verse 48)*

How were the disciples witnesses of these things?

How are we witnesses of these things?

In what ways do we fail to be Jesus witnesses?

Why should we be witnesses?