

We will now begin the twentieth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Today we will begin with Luke chapter 24. /In verse 1, it says that it was “the first day of the week, very early in the morning.” /This refers to early Sunday morning. /Here, the women are /Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. /There were also other women as well.

/The women from Galilee came to watch the burial of Jesus. /The women saw and returned home to prepare perfumes for Jesus. /Then the women rested in the Sabbath.

/Early morning the day after the Sabbath, these women took perfumes and went to the tomb to pour it over Jesus’ dead body. /In Mark 16:3 it says the women asked each other, /“Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

/At the time, people blocked Jesus’ tomb with a large stone. /They sealed the tomb with authority from the Roman Empire. /Soldiers also stood and guarded the tomb. /That is why the women would not have been able to roll away the stone.

/The women loved Jesus. /They had the heart and dedication to want to pour perfume over Jesus’ dead body. /They had the hearts for this, but they did not have any plans or measures.

/They went to the tomb with faith. /However, when they got to the tomb, the stone was rolled away from the tomb. /We must have faith like these women to first go forward. /Even if things seem impossible before we go, /there are many instances where God opens doors for us if we go forward with faith.

/However, doors will not be opened for those who do not go. /If we go where God leads us to, /God will always open doors for us. /Even if it seems like birds have nothing to eat, /God gives them food when they diligently fly around in search for food.

/However, birds that do not fly will not eat. /Therefore, when we believers /obey God and his guidance, God will open doors for us /no matter how difficult it may be.

/However, when the women got to the tomb, Jesus’ body was not there. /The women began to worry because Jesus’ body was not there. /The women did not even consider or believe in Jesus’ resurrection.

/Then, two angels in gleaming clothes appeared before them. /When the two angels appeared, the women became afraid and bowed with their faces to the ground. /The angels said, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

/The angels meant, “Do not look for the dead Jesus.” /They meant, “Believe in the living Jesus.” /Jesus is alive and is with us. /The Lord is our life. /The Lord reigns over life and death, fortunes and misfortunes. /He leads us.

/Other religions and cults believe in the teachings of the dead. /However, we Christians

believe in Jesus, who resurrected and is always alive. /Therefore, Jesus is our strength and life. /God's word is the word of life that works within us.

/The Lord leads us and saves us as it says in the Bible. /The Lord rescues us from difficulties. /He protects us in times of danger. /He raises us up when we fall.

/When we become lost, our living God shows us which way to go. /The angels taught the women this. /They told them to think about what Jesus said in Galilee when He was alive.

/It is important that we remember the teachings of Jesus. /When Jesus was in Galilee, he taught the disciples and the women about the cross and resurrection.

/The women heard many times about Jesus' resurrection, but they did not remember. /They did not remember or believe Jesus' resurrection. /Thus, God sent these angels to make them remember.

/Then when the women heard what the angels said, they remembered what Jesus had said. /There is also a need for us to repeatedly teach and learn God's word.

/This is because even though we may feel like we know, /we will understand and stand firm in God's word when we learn repeatedly. /Revelation 22:10 says, /"Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book."

/We must first receive God's word, continuously remember, and pray. /God's word must become our life. /We must also continuously teach God's word to others and help them understand.

/The women heard the words of the angels, and they believed in Jesus' resurrection. /The women believed and returned to the apostles. /The women who went to Jesus' tomb early in the morning went back to the apostles and told them about Jesus' resurrection.

/Joanna in verse 10 is the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward. /James of "Mary the mother of James" is James, the son of Alphaeus. /James was one of Jesus' twelve disciples. /However, the apostles did not believe the women when they said that Jesus had resurrected from the dead.

/In verse 12, Peter went and saw the empty tomb. /In John 20:1-10, /it says that John and Peter went to the tomb. /However, the passage here only records Peter.

/When Peter got to the tomb, he saw that Jesus' body was not there. /However, he did not have the desperate heart to go out and find Jesus. /He simply returned home. /Jesus' body had disappeared, /but Peter, an apostle, did not have the decency to go look for Jesus' body.

/However, in John 20:11-19, /Mary Magdalene did not go back, but stood outside the tomb crying and looking for Jesus' body. /Then Mary Magdalene met the resurrected

Jesus.

/If we want to meet Jesus, we must look for Him with desperate and devoted hearts. /We must search with all that we have with loving hearts. /When we seek Jesus with devotion and desperation, /we will get close to Jesus.

/Then we will enter the spiritual world. /There, we will walk with Jesus with joy and happiness.

/In verses 13-35, /two disciples were going to Emmaus. /“That same day” refers to the first day after the Sabbath. /The two were on their way to Emmaus, and one of them was named Claopas.

/The other disciple’s name is not recorded, but there is a belief that it is Nathaniel. /Some say that it is Luke, the author. /It is more likely that it was Luke. /The two disciples left Jerusalem and went to Emmaus, which was about seven miles away.

/They talked about everything that happened with Jesus as they walked. /Seven miles is about 60 stadia. /This is about 12 kilometers. /The two disciples were wrong in going down to Emmaus.

/This was because it was the third day from when Jesus was crucified. /That same morning, the women had returned from Jesus’ tomb saying that His body was gone. /The angels also told the women that Jesus had resurrected.

/These two disciples did not even check. /Then they went away to Jerusalem. /This was wrong. /They put worldly affairs before Jesus. /Then were more absorbed with their own works than the Lord’s.

/They were unconcerned with the Lord’s work. /When they went down to Emmaus, they abandoned their faith and went out into the world. /Then at that moment, Jesus came and walked along with them. /However, the eyes of the disciples were covered.

/The disciples did not recognize Jesus who walked with them. /The things of the world entered their hearts, and their spiritual eyes became darkened. /When people follow materials, greed, and desires, /their eyes will become darkened and they will not see Jesus.

/The disciples saw Jesus with their eyes /and heard Jesus’ voice, but they did not know it was Him. /They only saw the worldly things with their eyes. /However, Jesus is almighty, /and therefore, He knew what the disciples were talking about.

/Jesus asked them a question. /Jesus wanted to awaken their faith. /The Lord asked a question to correct the disciples’ wrongful ways. /The disciples stood still and their faces were downcast.

/They were dispirited because their hearts had left Jesus. /They were also filled with guilt in their conscience, /and thus, their faces were downcast. /Whoever, loses Jesus /will be downcast like the disciples.

/It is the same today. /When we leave God in our hearts, /we will be filled with guilt in our consciences and follow the world, /then we will lose spiritual joy and happiness. /Then our spirits will become sad. /Jesus did not forsake the two disciples, but He walked with them because He loved them. /The Lord works in us by moving us with God's word and with the Holy Spirit.

/In verse 18, Cleopas' spiritual eyes grew dark and he did not recognize Jesus. /Thus, he said something to Jesus that he should not have. /He told Jesus everything that had happened about Jesus. /The same goes for us today.

/We must know the Bible well. /The two disciples did not recognize Jesus even while they were talking with Him, /because they were going down to Emmaus /and their spiritual eyes had become darkened. /In verse 21, they believed that Jesus was Redeemer of Israel.

/However, they did not have faith in the resurrection. /Therefore, they were disheartened. /They heard that Jesus had resurrected. /Yet, they did not look into this truth.

/They were on their way to Emmaus, to the world. /They considered worldly problems bigger than the problem of their faith.

/Jesus rebuked them in verse 25. /The Lord rebuked them for their lack of faith. /Those who are slow in believing the Bible are foolish. /Those who believe the Bible as it is are wise. /Those who believe in Jesus' death and resurrection of atonement are true believers.

/It is recorded in the Bible that Christ will receive suffering on the cross and be resurrected. /Jesus rebuked the disciples by asking, "Why don't you believe?" and He explained to them. /Many places in the Old Testament prophesied that Christ would receive sufferings.

/The main places are: Psalm 22:1, /14, /16, /Psalm 41:9, /Psalm 69:21, /Isaiah 50:6, /Isaiah 53:1-9, /Micah 5:1, /and Zechariah 2:10.

/The Bible prophesies that Jesus will be resurrected and ascend into heaven in all His glory. /Psalm 16:10 /Psalm 68:18 /Psalm 118:17 /Daniel 7:13. /Therefore, we must believe the fulfillment of Christ's suffering and resurrection.

/Jesus explained the Bible to them in detail. /Then their hearts grew spirited. /It is the same for us today. /It is important that we explain the Bible through the Holy Spirit and teach the Bible.

/Then those who hear God's word will grow spirited in heart. /Then those who heard will believe and gain life. /The disciples received Jesus' rebuke, /learned the Bible, /and walked the seven miles without being aware of how time had passed.

/In this way, it is pleasant walking with Jesus. /Jesus then acted as if he were going farther. /Jesus wanted them to use their faith. /We believers of Jesus must strive to be with Jesus in spirit.

/The Lord first saved us by His grace. /Next, we must work hard to receive more grace. /The disciples urged Jesus strongly to stay with them. /They still did not recognize Jesus.

/However, the disciples understood the Bible through Jesus, and they received grace. /The disciples only knew Jesus as a holy man of God. /Thus, the disciples urged Jesus to stay with them.

/At first, they went down to Emmaus with lack of faith. /Now, their spirits grew brighter and they stood upright in God's word. /When they sat and ate with Jesus, their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus.

/Their eyes were opened, which means that their spiritual eyes were opened. /How did their eyes open? /They walked with Jesus. /They talked with Jesus. /They received Jesus' rebuke.

/They had God's word explained to them. /Their spirits began to hope and long for Jesus. /Hence, their spiritual eyes were opened. /When they recognized Jesus, Jesus disappeared from their sight.

/What was the reason for this? /This means that we must not serve Jesus in His physical form after the resurrection. /It teaches us that we must receive the Lord in spirit. /We could see Jesus in His physical body, and we could also not see.

/We must receive the resurrected Jesus in spirit so that we can walk with and abide in the Lord. /We must not try to serve Jesus in the flesh like before His resurrection. /The disciples did not see Jesus because they might have attempted to serve Jesus in a physical way.

/Their hearts burned with the Holy Spirit. /The Holy Spirit works with the truth. /The Holy Spirit leads us to the truth. /Therefore, those who preach God's word must teach with the Holy Spirit. /We must work hard to lay out the depth of God's word.

/We must teach God's word with burning hearts, /and we must learn the Bible with burning hearts. /Then we will be changed. /In verse 33, it says that the disciples got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. /It is important that we immediately move into action after we understand the truth of Christ.

/There will be life when we immediately obey. /After the disciples met the resurrected

Jesus, /they left their physical worries in Emmaus. /They returned immediately to Jerusalem. /They went to Jerusalem and shared the good news about Jesus' resurrection to the other disciples.

/The disciples previously followed the world to live for themselves, /but now they returned with the determination to die for the Lord. /They went to the place where the eleven disciples were. /The eleven disciples also said, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."

/Then the two disciples told the others what had happened on the way. /They testified that Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread. /Today, we too must share what we see and hear.

/1 Corinthians 9:16 says, /"Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" /When our spiritual eyes are opened and we understand Jesus and the truth, /we must devote ourselves to preaching the gospel.

/In verses 36-43, /the Lord appeared in Jerusalem. /Jesus personally appeared to the place where the eleven disciples and believers had gathered. /Jesus' resurrected form transcends time and space, and it is a spiritual body.

/The resurrected Lord entered and left rooms without opening doors. /He is seen with the humans eyes, and He is also not able to be seen. /Jesus did not open the door to enter the place where the disciples were.

/In verse 36, Jesus said, "Peace be with you." /Our Lord is Lord who gives peace. /The people gathered there had locked the door because they were afraid to die. /The Lord gave peace to those who were shivering in fear.

/All our fears will disappear and we will have peace in our hearts /when we receive peace that comes from Jesus. /However, the disciples were startled and frightened. /They thought that Jesus was a ghost.

/Those who are weak in faith will be afraid and will not believe when Jesus comes to them. /Thus, Jesus rebuked the faithless. /Believers become afraid and doubt /because they do not have faith.

/It is a great sin to doubt and disbelieve God. /Jesus spoke in John 20:27. /He said, "Reach out your hand and put it into my side."

/In verse 39, Jesus' resurrected form was a spiritual body with flesh and bones. /Jesus showed clear proof to the faithless disciples. /Then the disciples were joyful because they met the resurrected Lord, but a part of them doubted.

/In verse 42, Jesus ate a piece of broiled fish as solid evidence. /Spirits cannot eat food. /However, the resurrected form can eat food. /They also do not have to eat food forever.

/The resurrected form is not limited by time and space. /The resurrected form can come and go quickly. /The resurrected form is a strong body that is unimaginable by humans.

/Jesus' final commands /are in verses 44-49. /In verse 44, Jesus said, "the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." /These refer to the entire Old Testament. /The Old Testament can be categorized into these three groups.

/It can be categorized into the Law of Moses, /the Psalms, /and the Writings of the Prophets. /Other places divide the Old Testament into two categories. /It can be divided into the Law of Moses and the Prophets. /Luke 16:16.

/Jesus said, "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me." /Jesus already said this several times. /Christ received suffering on the cross and resurrected from the dead.

/Jesus said, "This," in verse 44. /This is the fulfillment of redemption from the suffering of the cross, and the resurrection. /In verse 45, it says, "Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures." /We can understand God's word only when the Holy Spirit opens our minds.

/God's word cannot be understood with man's thoughts or knowledge. /Hence, faith does not come from man. /Faith comes entirely from God's grace. /The Holy Spirit opens the minds of humans so that they could receive God's word, and this is known as the inner calling.

/In verse 46, Jesus said, "The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." /This was detailedly prophesied in the Old Testament. /The Old Testament records that Christ would receive suffering on the cross /and would rise from the dead on the third day.

/The Bible was fulfilled. /Isaiah chapter 53 records the suffering of Christ. /Psalm 16:10 /records the resurrection of Jesus. /The book of Jonah prophesies that Christ would resurrect from the dead in three days.

/In verse 47, Jesus said, "and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." /"His name" is the name of Christ.

/The "repentance and forgiveness of sins" /is the repentance movement that comes from forgiveness of sins through faith in the redemption of Christ. /This is the salvation movement. /This is prophesied in Isaiah 2:2-3. /The word of the Lord would come from Jerusalem.

/This testifies that Christ's salvation movement will begin in Jerusalem. /Christ's salvation movement did begin in Jerusalem and was preached to all peoples as is written in the Bible.

/In verse 48, Jesus said, “You are witnesses of these things.” /Jesus gave the disciples the calling to be witnesses of the cross and resurrection of Christ. /They were to be witnesses in Jerusalem, /and in all Judea and Samaria. /There will be woe if we do not evangelize.

/In verse 49, Jesus said, “I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” /“What my Father has promised” is the Holy Spirit.

/In John 15:26, /Jesus said, “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, /the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, /he will testify about me.”

/The “city” in verse 49 refers to Jerusalem. /The way to receive power from on high /was to remain in Jerusalem. /What kind of place was Jerusalem? /It was the place where Jesus Christ completed the truth of redemption through the cross and resurrection.

/The truth of the cross and resurrection began in Jerusalem. /The Holy Spirit, the Counselor of the truth /needed to come to Jerusalem, where the truth was. /Thus, the Lord told the disciples not to leave Jerusalem.

/There are three meanings to “stay in the city” of Jerusalem. /First, it means, do not leave God’s commands. /Second, it means do not leave the place that God chose. /Third, it means do not leave the place of work.

/Hence, the disciples obeyed and did not leave Jerusalem and prayed. /Then ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, they received the power of the Holy Spirit. /The tenth day was the Pentecost.

/Therefore, we too must always persevere and follow God’s word /until we are clothed with God’s grace. /We must also do our best to fulfill our calling in the place where God places us.

/In verses 50-53, /Jesus ascended into heaven. /Jesus ascended into heaven after he blessed the disciples on the Mount of Olives.

/In verse 52, the disciples “returned to Jerusalem with great joy.” /The disciples saw Jesus ascend into heaven, they gained great hope. /The disciples gained hope to overcome everything. /Then they returned to Jerusalem with the hope of resurrection.

/They returned to Jerusalem with hope and joy for heaven. /The disciples and 120 believers prayed hard in the house of John also known as Mark. /When the day of Pentecost came, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. /They always continually praised God at the temple and in their homes. /Then they preached the gospel with power.

/Here we will conclude the twentieth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Thank you.