

1  **Luke: Narrative, Fulfilment, and Witness**

**Lecture 5**

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2  **'You are witnesses of these things'**

(Luke 24:1-53)

3  **Outline of series**

- Lecture 1: Introduction 'So that you may know the certainty' (Luke 1:1-4)
- Lecture 2: 'A light for revelation to the Gentiles' (Luke 2:22-40)
- Lecture 3: 'That is why I was sent' (Luke 4:14-44)
- Lecture 4: 'For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost' (Luke 19:1-10)
- Lecture 5: 'You are witnesses of these things' (Luke 24:1-53)

4  **Outline of lecture**

- The Significance of Luke 24 for Luke's Work
- Connected Scenes
- You are witnesses
  - Of the empty tomb
  - Of the testimony of the Scriptures
  - Of the resurrected Jesus

5  **The Empty Tomb**

- Sudden Appearance (4)
- Misunderstanding Challenged (5)
- Reminder (6-7)
- Understanding (8)

6  **The Road to Emmaus**

- Sudden Appearance (15)
- Misunderstanding Challenged (25)
- Reminder (26-27)
- Understanding (31-32)

7  **The Room in Jerusalem**

- Sudden Appearance (36)
- Misunderstanding Challenged (39-43)
- Reminder (44, 46-47)
- Understanding (45)

8  **Resurrection and Fulfilment**

- Physicality
  - Not a ghost
  - Meals eaten
  - Yet, unusual abilities
- Fulfilment
  - 24:26: 'It was necessary' 'for Messiah to suffer and enter his glory'
  - 24:27, 44: Moses, prophets (and Psalms). 'things concerning himself'

- Eyes/minds opened
  - 24:16, cf. 24:31, 45

#### 9 **Promise, Commission and Ascension**

- Hinge of Luke's two-volume work
- Repeated terms and ideas (Luke 24, Acts 1)
  - 'Witnesses' (*martures*, Luke 24:48, Acts 1:8)
  - 'Father', 'promised' (*ten epangelian tou patros*, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4)
  - Stay/wait in the city (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4)
  - 'Taken up' (Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9)

#### 10 **Conclusion**

- Luke's narrative conveys impact as well as information.
- Luke presents Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension as the fulfilment of the Scriptures.
- Luke emphasises through words and narrative structure the commission given by Jesus to the disciples to be witnesses.