

- 2) He reminded them of his former teaching concerning His predictions in the Old Testament.
 - a) Moses = the books of Moses
 - b) Prophets = the books of the prophets
 - c) Psalms = the song books (perhaps including all the poetic books)

b. He explained the Bible to them.

- 1) He explained that the OT prophecies were about Him.
- 2) He pointed out that because it was so written it was necessary for Christ to suffer (v.46). Note: The word “*behoved*” means it was necessary. God’s Word must be fulfilled.

8. He ENLIGHTENED Them (v.45-49)

a. He enabled them to understand the Bible

- 1) Exactly what Jesus did, we do not know, but in some way he lifted the blinders from their minds so that they could see and understand the OT prophecies concerning Him.
- 2) Their confusion was now lifted. They could not deny it.

b. They now understood the Gospel.

- 1) They understood that Christ must suffer and rise the third day to pay for man’s sin (v.46).
- 2) They understood that repentance and remission of sins was offered to all people (v.47).
- 3) They understood that they had a duty to preach this Gospel to all people.
- 4) They understood that Jesus would send the Holy Spirit to aid them (v.49)

Conclusion: For a dead person to resurrect is humanly impossible, but with God all things are possible. Jesus did rise from the dead. The eight evidences that He gave the believers that first Sunday night are really eight infallible proofs. Jesus is alive.

When Satan tries to cause you to doubt, remember these eight infallible proofs: They saw Jesus, heard him, touched him, saw his flesh and bones, saw his wounds, saw him eat, heard him reason and were enlightened by him.

Song: He Lives, **132**

Eight Infallible Proofs

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Introduction: In Acts 1:3 we read, “*To whom also he [Jesus] shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.*” This morning we examined how that Cleopas and his friend had talked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. When they realized they had talked with Jesus, they rushed back the 11.5 km to Jerusalem and told the 11 disciples and those who were with them (v.33). As they were excitedly telling the others about their time with Jesus, Jesus suddenly appeared in their midst. They thought they were seeing a spirit and thus they were terrified (v.37). That evening with Jesus was a life-changing time for those believers.

Transition: That night Jesus gave them 8 infallible proofs that He was truly alive. These evidences ought to strengthen our faith as well.

1. The Believers SAW Him (v.36)

a. Jesus stood in the midst of them

- 1) He just appeared.
- 2) His new body was immortal and not subject to the laws of nature.

b. The believers saw Him with their own eyes

- 1) So clearly did they see Him that they all thought they were seeing a spirit (v.37).
- 2) Before this, it was just one or two believers who claimed to see the Lord. Now it was the entire group.

2. The Believers HEARD Him (v.36)

a. Jesus spoke to them.

- 1) Jesus’ first words were “*Peace be unto you.*”
- 2) That evening Jesus said many things that they heard.

b. They heard words come from His mouth.

- 1) This was not a second-hand report. Each of them heard with their own ears the words of Jesus.
- 2) No doubt they also recognized His voice. This too was an infallible proof that He was alive.

3. He Invited Them to **TOUCH** Him (v.39)

a. Jesus invited them to touch Him

- 1) Jesus asked them two questions.
 - a) *Why are ye troubled?* The word “troubled” means to be agitated, tossed back and forth, or filled with commotion.
 - b) *Why do thoughts arise in your hearts?* The word “thoughts” refers to questioning about what is true.
 - c) Did Jesus truly wonder or were these questions meant to gently rebuke their doubts? Probably the latter.
- 2) Jesus urged them to *handle* Him and *see* or perceive.

b. They could touch His body.

- 1) So far two of the human senses had perceived that Jesus was truly alive. They saw Him and they heard Him. Jesus now invited them to use a third sense and touch Him.
- 2) There is something about touching that is even more convincing than seeing and hearing. Though we are not told, I believe that each of them present did reach out and touch Jesus. This was another infallible proof.

4. He had **FLESH and BONE** (v.39)

a. Jesus' immortal body had flesh and bone

- 1) The body that Jesus had was immortal. He was able to just appear in the room without entering through the door.
- 2) John's Gospel gives further details. (John 20:19) "*Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*"
- 3) Jesus said that his body had flesh and bone.

b. The believers saw His frame.

- 1) When the believers touched Jesus, they could feel that he did have flesh and bone. His body was not just spirit.
- 2) Jesus stood showing that He had bone structure and the flesh on his bones was obvious.

5. The Believers Saw Jesus' **WOUNDS** (v.40)

a. Jesus showed them His hands and feet.

- 1) This was significant because His hands and feet had been pierced with nails.
- 2) Obviously his wounds had healed. Nothing is said of the wounds caused by the lashes of the whipping or the bruises of the beating or the thorns beat into his skull, but He showed them the obvious scars in His hands and feet.

b. They could see the scars from the nails.

- 1) Later it was this evidence that doubting Thomas demanded. (John 20:25) "*The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.*"
- 2) This evidence showed that Jesus was truly the same one who had been crucified not a person like Him.

6. The Believers Saw Jesus **EAT** (v.41-43)

a. Jesus asked for some food.

- 1) Jesus did not request food because he was hungry.
- 2) The disciples knew that a spirit could not eat, thus, Jesus requested food.
- 3) This is the only time in the Bible that this word translated “*meat*” is found. It literally means something eatable.

b. He ate fish and honeycomb as they watched.

- 1) Jesus took both the fish and the honeycomb and ate it before them. Seeing Jesus eat was powerful proof of His living reality.
- 2) His body was unique in that it could take in food and yet disappear and reappear, but the fact that He ate was an infallible proof that He was alive.

7. He **REASONED** with Them (v.44)

a. He reminded them of His past teachings.

- 1) Jesus not only had a body that they could see, touch, hear, and watch eat, he also had a mind that could reason with them.