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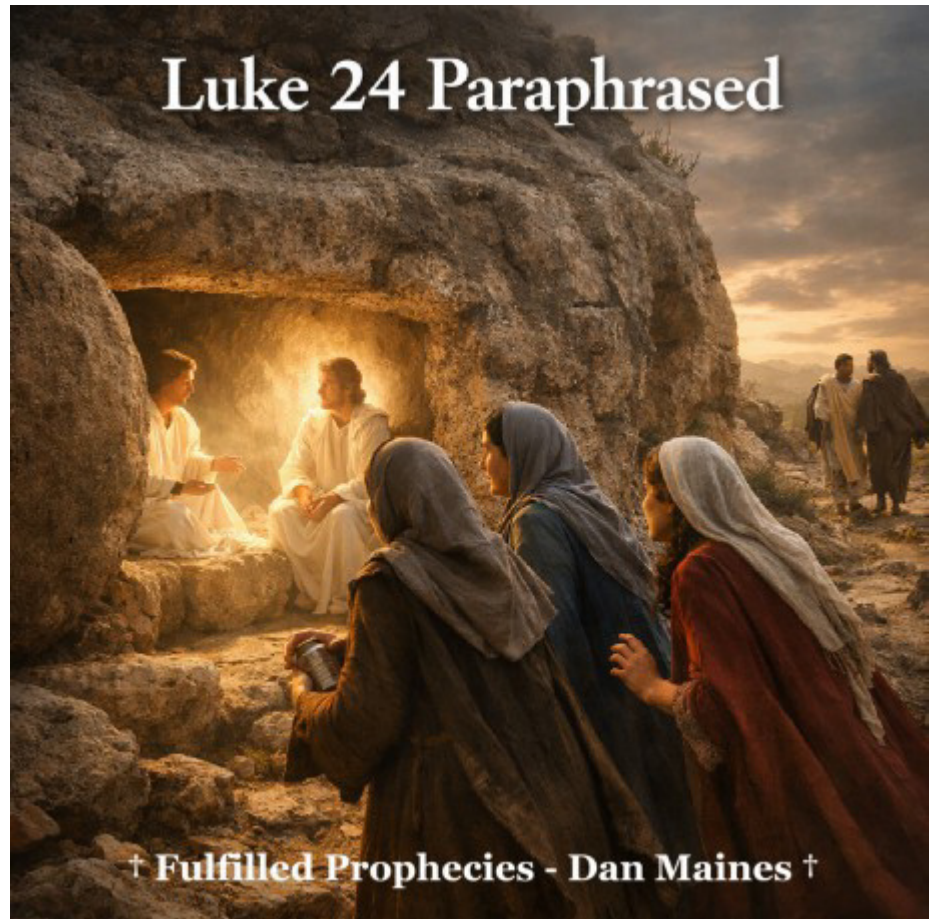
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## Luke 24 Paraphrased



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### Introduction

† This chapter reveals the completed victory of Christ over death, showing the fulfillment of what was spoken beforehand.

† The resurrection is not future hope waiting to happen, it was accomplished in their generation just as Jesus said.

† This chapter also shows how the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms all pointed to what was fulfilled in Him.

### Luke 24:1

At early dawn on the first day of the week, the women came to

the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared

† They came expecting death, not resurrection, showing they did not yet understand what He had said

† This confirms the resurrection was unexpected even to His followers (Mark 16:1-3)

† God fulfills His promises beyond human expectation

### **Luke 24:2**

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb

† The obstacle was already removed before they arrived

† This shows God's power acted before human effort

† The empty tomb is the foundation of the fulfilled victory

### **Luke 24:3**

They went in but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus

† The absence of the body proves something supernatural had occurred

† This is a real event with real witnesses

† The resurrection is the turning point of the covenant age

### **Luke 24:4**

While they were confused about this, two men in shining garments suddenly stood beside them

† These are angelic witnesses confirming divine action

† God provides testimony according to the law of witnesses

† Heaven confirms what earth could not understand

### **Luke 24:5**

The women were terrified and bowed low, and the men said why are you looking for the living among the dead

† The question exposes their misunderstanding

† Jesus was never meant to remain among the dead

† This rebukes expectations of a defeated Messiah

### **Luke 24:6**

He is not here, He has been raised, remember how He spoke to

you while still in Galilee

† The resurrection happened exactly as He said beforehand

† This shows prophecy fulfilled, not invented afterward

† Faith comes by remembering His words

### **Luke 24:7**

The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day

† The word must shows divine necessity

† His death and resurrection were appointed

† This fulfills what was written beforehand (Isaiah 53)

### **Luke 24:8**

Then they remembered His words

† Understanding comes after fulfillment

† His words were always true, now confirmed

† This shows the importance of holding to His teaching

### **Luke 24:9**

They returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and the others

† The first witnesses were those who came in sorrow

† God uses unexpected messengers

† The message begins spreading immediately

### **Luke 24:10**

It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told these things

† Multiple witnesses confirm the event

† This is consistent with legal testimony

† The resurrection was not hidden

### **Luke 24:11**

But their words seemed like nonsense, and they did not believe them

† Even the apostles struggled to believe

† This shows the account is honest

† Doubt is overcome by revelation

### **Luke 24:12**

Peter ran to the tomb, looked in, saw only the linen wrappings, and went away amazed

† Physical evidence confirmed the testimony

† The empty grave demanded explanation

† This begins the transformation of the disciples

### **Luke 24:13**

Two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus

† God reveals truth personally as well as publicly

† The journey reflects their confusion

† Fulfillment is about to be revealed to them

### **Luke 24:14**

They were talking about all these things that had happened

† They were trying to make sense of events

† This shows the struggle to understand fulfillment

† Truth unfolds through revelation

### **Luke 24:15**

While they were discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began walking with them

† Jesus draws near even when unrecognized

† He meets them in confusion

† His presence is real

### **Luke 24:16**

But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him

† God controlled the timing of their understanding

† Recognition comes through revelation

† Spiritual perception is given by God

### **Luke 24:17**

He asked what are you discussing, and they stood still, looking sad

† Their sorrow shows unmet expectations

† They had not yet grasped fulfillment

† Their hope seemed lost in their understanding

### **Luke 24:18**

One named Cleopas said are you the only one who does not know what has happened

† They spoke to the One who fulfilled it all

† This shows human blindness without revelation

† They knew events but not their meaning

### **Luke 24:19**

They spoke of Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet powerful in deed and word before God and the people

† They recognized His power but limited Him

† Their understanding was incomplete

† This reflects misunderstanding

### **Luke 24:20**

They explained how the leaders handed Him over to be sentenced and crucified

† They saw the event but not its purpose

† The cross looked like defeat

† In truth, it was victory

### **Luke 24:21**

We were hoping He would redeem Israel, and now it is the third day

† Their expectation was earthly redemption

† They missed the nature of His kingdom

† Yet they mention the timing of fulfillment

### **Luke 24:22**

Some women amazed us, they went early to the tomb

- † The testimony was already spreading
- † They acknowledged the report but doubted
- † Truth was in front of them

### **Luke 24:23**

They did not find His body but saw angels saying He was alive

- † The message had already been confirmed
- † Yet they struggled to believe
- † Fulfillment was hard to accept

### **Luke 24:24**

Some of us went and found it just as the women said, but Him they did not see

- † The evidence was consistent
- † They needed understanding
- † Seeing alone was not enough

### **Luke 24:25**

He said to them you are slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken

- † Jesus rebukes their unbelief
- † The issue was lack of faith in scripture
- † This applies to all who ignore what was written

### **Luke 24:26**

Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer and enter His glory

- † Suffering was required
- † Glory comes through fulfillment
- † This confirms the pattern of scripture

### **Luke 24:27**

Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He explained the things concerning Himself

- † All scripture pointed to Him
- † This confirms unity of the Old Testament
- † Fulfillment is the key to understanding

### **Luke 24:28**

They approached the village, and He acted as if He would go further

- † Jesus allows invitation
- † Relationship requires response
- † He does not force Himself

### **Luke 24:29**

They urged Him to stay, and He went in with them

- † Their desire opened the door
- † Fellowship leads to revelation
- † God responds to seeking hearts

### **Luke 24:30**

When He sat with them, He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them

- † This echoes earlier fellowship
- † The breaking of bread reveals Him
- † Fulfillment is recognized in Him

### **Luke 24:31**

Their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He vanished

- † Recognition comes by revelation
- † His presence shifts to understanding
- † Fulfillment brings clarity

### **Luke 24:32**

They said did not our hearts burn while He spoke and explained the scriptures

- † Truth ignites the heart
- † Scripture reveals Christ
- † Fulfillment brings understanding

### **Luke 24:33**

They returned to Jerusalem and found the eleven gathered

† Fulfillment compels proclamation

† The message spreads quickly

† Truth is shared immediately

### **Luke 24:34**

They said the Lord has really risen and appeared to Simon

† Multiple appearances confirm reality

† The resurrection is established by witnesses

† This is not private experience

### **Luke 24:35**

They explained what happened on the road and how He was recognized in the breaking of bread

† Personal testimony strengthens the message

† Recognition comes through revelation

† This builds the foundation of the church

### **Luke 24:36**

While they were speaking, Jesus stood among them and said peace be to you

† He appears with authority

† Peace replaces fear

† His presence confirms the resurrection

### **Luke 24:37**

They were startled and thought they saw a spirit

† Their fear shows they did not expect this

† The resurrection challenged their thinking

† They struggled to understand

### **Luke 24:38**

He said why are you troubled and why do doubts arise

† He confronts their doubt

† Faith is required even with evidence

† Truth corrects doubt

### **Luke 24:39**

See My hands and My feet, it is I Myself, touch Me and see, a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see

† He proves His real presence

† This confirms the resurrection was not imaginary

† It shows continuity

### **Luke 24:40**

He showed them His hands and His feet

† Physical evidence removes doubt

† The marks confirm identity

† The same Jesus was raised

### **Luke 24:41**

They still could not believe because of joy and amazement

† Joy overwhelmed understanding

† This shows the magnitude of the event

† Their belief was growing

### **Luke 24:42**

They gave Him a piece of broiled fish

† This shows normal interaction

† The resurrection did not remove reality

† It confirms continuity

### **Luke 24:43**

He took it and ate before them

† This proves His real presence

† It removes any idea of illusion

† The resurrection is grounded in reality

### **Luke 24:44**

He said everything written about Me in the Law, Prophets, and Psalms must be fulfilled

† Fulfillment is the key theme

† All scripture pointed to this moment

† Nothing was left undone

### **Luke 24:45**

He opened their minds to understand the scriptures

† Understanding is given by Him

† Scripture becomes clear through fulfillment

† This is the foundation of truth

### **Luke 24:46**

He said the Christ would suffer and rise on the third day

† This was written beforehand

† It was fulfilled exactly

† This confirms divine plan

### **Luke 24:47**

Repentance for forgiveness would be proclaimed to all nations beginning from Jerusalem

† The message expands beyond Israel

† This shows inclusion of the nations

† Fulfillment brings global proclamation

### **Luke 24:48**

You are witnesses of these things

† The disciples are called to testify

† Their role is to proclaim fulfillment

† Witness is central to the message

### **Luke 24:49**

I am sending what My Father promised, stay until you are clothed with power

† This refers to the Spirit

† This empowers proclamation

† Fulfillment continues through them

### **Luke 24:50**

He led them out and lifted His hands and blessed them

† He departs with blessing

† This shows completion of His work

† The covenant is fulfilled

### **Luke 24:51**

While blessing them, He was carried up into heaven

† His work on earth was complete

† He enters His glory

† This marks transition

### **Luke 24:52**

They worshiped Him and returned with great joy

† Their understanding is now complete

† Joy replaces confusion

† Fulfillment produces worship

### **Luke 24:53**

They were continually in the temple praising God

† The message begins at Jerusalem

† The transition is underway

† This sets the stage for what follows

### **Historical References**

† Josephus records the destruction of Jerusalem confirming the end of that covenant age

† Eusebius writes of the early church recognizing these fulfillments

† Irenaeus affirms the completed work of Christ as the foundation of the faith

† Clement of Alexandria speaks of the fulfillment revealed through Christ

### **How it applies to us today**

† We are not waiting for resurrection, it was fulfilled and established life in Christ

† We live in the reality of what was accomplished, not in expectation of what is unfinished

† Scripture must be understood through fulfillment, not delay

† Our role is to proclaim what has already been completed

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q:** What does the empty tomb prove

**A:** It proves the resurrection was real and fulfilled as written (Luke 24:6-7)

**Q:** Why did they not recognize Him at first

**A:** Their understanding was withheld until He revealed it through scripture (Luke 24:16, 45)

**Q:** What is the significance of explaining Moses and the prophets

**A:** It shows all scripture pointed to Christ and was fulfilled in Him (Luke 24:27)

**Q:** Why did Jesus rebuke their unbelief

**A:** Because the prophets had already spoken clearly about these events (Luke 24:25)

**Q:** What is the message given to all nations

**A:** Repentance and forgiveness through what has already been fulfilled (Luke 24:47)

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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