

Eyes Opened, Power Promised

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In chapter 1 of Luke, many great and wonderful promises were made concerning Jesus that we have seen fulfilled over the course of this gospel (see Luke 1:31-33, 77-78)

In Luke 24:44-49, Jesus gives the knowledge of _____ to His people – not only to the disciples that have served alongside Him in His earthly mission, but to every person that God has elected to redeem.

Everything that was written about Him in the scripture must be fulfilled. Notice that Jesus mentions each of the three major divisions of the Old Testament Scripture: the _____ and the _____ and the _____.

Laying claim to the three-part witness of the Old Testament assures us there is no part of the written Word that doesn't apply to the Messiah.

The Emmaus travelers struggled to _____ the holy scriptures. (see Luke 24:25)

Here we see that the disciples had not _____ the holy scriptures. (see Luke 24:45)

*Salvation is not a process whereby we figure out who has the brains to decipher the evidence and prove to themselves that Jesus is truly the Son of God. Salvation is a process whereby God helps the blindness of disbelief fall from our eyes and enables us to think differently about our sin and about God's plan for salvation.

Man cannot understand the scripture unless God opens his eyes to the truth. How does that fact affect the way that we share the Word of God with our *children*? With the unbelieving world?

Our comprehension of God's truth does not come from _____, it comes from _____. (James 3:13-15)

'The Great Commission' as recorded by Luke –

⁴⁶... "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

*NOTICE: For so long, Jerusalem has been viewed as the _____ of Jesus' mission, but here for the first time it is seen as the _____ of the mission. From Jerusalem out into all the nations of the world, the gospel message is to be preached

Verses 48-49 concludes with a declaration and a command:

- 1. Those who desire to testify to the truth of the gospel must know the _____ Jesus and bear witness of Him to others.**
- 2. Those who desire to testify to the truth of the gospel must be filled with the _____ from on high that comes only from Him**