

# The Empty Tomb: Reality of Christ's Resurrection

Text: Luke 24:36-43

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## **I. Proof of the empty tomb: Jesus cared deeply as He ministered to His disciples after His resurrection (Luke 24:36-38).**

The most compassionate person in the world is Jesus Christ. No one cares for other people in this world like Jesus cares for us.

Jesus Christ came to them and offered a simple greeting of peace to His followers. Stop and think about that for a minute. What better words could Jesus say than these at this moment? No doubt this is a blessing. The resurrected Son of God was standing in their midst and He calmly and warmly let them know that He was alive.

Jesus understands us because He lived as one of us. His heart is one of reception, not of repudiation. Let me say this clearly today: Jesus Christ is the most accessible Person in the world. He knows our heartache and grief like no other. He knows our emotions and desires. Honestly, who do you want to go to when you are hurting, discouraged, or needing comfort? Friends, sure. Jesus, so much more. You and I can approach Jesus Christ today.

Christ isn't approachable if He didn't rise again. His Resurrection makes Jesus Christ approachable.

Not only was He not a ghost, this was Jesus Christ as a bodily resurrected person. He cared for them. He loved them. He brought greetings of peace to them. He comforted them.

## **II. Proof of the empty tomb: Jesus manifested His bodily form to His disciples after the resurrection (Luke 24:39-40).**

To these troubled ones, Jesus said look and know that I am God. He calmed them as He showed them His wounds where the nails had pierced Him.

Christ showed them evidence of His wounds (John 20:24-29). He showed them His marks. He proved His bodily resurrection that day.

## **III. Proof of the empty tomb: Jesus ate a meal with His disciples after His resurrection (Luke 24:41-43).**

The disciples struggled to believe because they were so overjoyed and amazed, like it's too good to be true! Jesus still wanted to prove the reality of His resurrection to them. So, He asked for a piece of fish and a honeycomb.

Jesus passed through walls to gain access into the room where the disciples were meeting after Jesus' death (John 20:19). On His glorified body are the marks of the cross. His glorified body partook of food that he didn't need to eat. All to prove the reality of the Resurrection!

### **Conclusion**

You may be here today and think, well that was good for the disciples, but I am not able to touch and feel Jesus. I didn't see His resurrected body. I didn't see Him eat the food afterward. But, we have something that we can see, touch, and read: the Word of God. Jesus showed them how the pieces of the puzzle of the Law, the prophets, and the psalms all came together.

The tomb remains empty to this day and forever! The Resurrection was real. Jesus proved that He rose again when He ministered to, manifested Himself, and ate a meal with His friends. Today, Jesus is alive still ministering to us from His location in Heaven. He is waiting to receive more into His church. His tomb is empty but His heart is full of compassion for the lost. Those who come to Him believing He will in no wise cast out. He loves to save souls.