### The Prophetic Jesus: Victorious One

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#### Luke 24:13-45

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." 25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. 36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. 44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

## 1. KING <u>DAVID</u> FORETOLD THAT JESUS WOULD BE <u>VICTORIOUS</u> OVER THE GRAVE

Psalm 16:10

... you will not... let your Holy One see decay.

## 2. <u>JESUS</u> DECLARED THAT HE WOULD BE VICTORIOUS OVER THE GRAVE

#### Mark 10:32-34

32 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with <u>Jesus leading the way</u>, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. 33 "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and <u>the Son of Man will be betrayed</u> to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will <u>condemn him to death</u> and will <u>hand him over to the Gentiles</u>, 34 who will <u>mock him</u> and <u>spit on him</u>, <u>flog him</u> and <u>kill him</u>. <u>Three days later he will rise</u>."

# 3. OVER 500 EYEWITNESSES SAW AND TESTIFIED THAT JESUS WAS VICTORIOUS OVER THE GRAVE

#### Acts 2:32

32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of <u>first importance</u>: that <u>Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures</u>, 4 that <u>he was buried</u>, that <u>he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures</u>, 5 and that <u>he appeared to Peter</u>, and then to <u>the Twelve</u>. 6 After that, he appeared to <u>more than five hundred</u> of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to <u>James</u>, then to <u>all the apostles</u>, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also...

#### <u>Luke 24:44</u>

[Jesus] said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."