

THE THIRD DAY

(Luke 24:1-48)

Sometimes in sports and even in life when surprising events occur it is not unusual for us to say, “that was a game-changer.” By this we mean that the whole situation has dramatically changed. There’s no going back. A star quarterback is injured and not able to play, 2 aircraft hit the twin towers, or GM declares bankruptcy. Wow! The resurrection of Jesus the ultimate “game-changer.” His exit from the tomb on the 3rd day changed everything forever! Life and death could never be viewed the same old way. Jesus’ resurrection was the ultimate paradigm shift.

Luke tells of the “third day,” that day when Jesus’ body was discovered missing. He was not found in His grave...

THREE THINGS WERE CHANGED FOREVER BECAUSE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

This greatest of event of all time changed everything for them (and us).

I. The Bible (Old Testament) Must Now Be Seen For What It Is, A Book About Jesus From Cover To Cover. (Luke 24:1-27)

- A. Luke began his account of resurrection Sunday by telling that Jesus’ body was missing. (vv.1-12)
 - 1. This is dramatic, because the whole Gospel of Luke has been written centering upon Jesus. Whether He is teaching, healing, or feeding the crowds. Jesus is the focus.
 - 2. But now, He is missing, there is no body in His grave.
- B. Luke then proceeds to tell of two disciples of Jesus walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem. (13-35)
 - 1. As they walked they were discussing all the events that had happened, when a third person (Jesus) joins them. They were kept from recognizing Him. (v.16)
 - 2. The two express their dashed hopes about Jesus, “didn’t find His body.” (v.23)
- C. The resurrected Lord Jesus gently rebukes them for their foolishness and unbelief. (vv.25-26)
- D. Then Jesus unfolds the Scriptures for them revealing that He is the subject and theme of the entire Old Testament. (v.27) “Beginning with Moses and all the prophets...Jesus!”
 - 1. He is the Ark of the Covenant and the blood on the mercy seat. He is the light on the golden lamp stand and the bread of life. He is the prophet who preaches like Moses, the priest who prays like Aaron, and the king after David’s heart. He is the greater Boaz, the selfless sacrifice of Samson, and the greater lover than Hosea, etc.
 - 2. Now, if you look carefully, you will see Jesus everywhere in the Old Testament. Not only when named and in prophecy, but in the many types and shadows.
 - 3. Jesus reveals Himself to them by pointing first to the Scriptures, not His body.

