THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 24:49-53

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"SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST"

THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVOIR OF ALL MANKIND

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Introduction to the Text; Luke 24:49-53

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Behold, I send **the Promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power from on high**." **:50** And He led them out as far as **Bethany**, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. **:51** Now it came to pass, *while He blessed them*, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. **:52** And they **worshiped** Him, and **returned** to Jerusalem with **great joy**, **:53** and were **continually** in the temple **Praising** and **blessing** God. Amen.

It's time for Him to say goodbye,

But how does an all-knowing, all-powerful, every-presents God say goodbye ?

This event reveals one of the most wonderful and comforting doctrines in the entire bible...

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.
His Deity, His Person, His Works, His Power
and His Ministry...

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"Saving The Best For Last"

MAKING YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

1.) Jesus leaves us with a blessing v.50

And He (1) **led them out** as far as **Bethany**, and
(2) He **lifted up His hands** and (3) **blessed** them.

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Jesus Leaves Us With A Blessing

1a.) He Blesses us with reminder

Verse 50a

And He (1) **led them out** as far as **Bethany**…

About 1.5 miles east of Jerusalem today, Bethany features a home that has been preserved by one generation to the next as being the ancient home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Jesus often stayed in Bethany. Bethany is on the south-Easter slope of the Mount of Olives. It was location from which Jesus ascended.

This Isn't The Last You'll Hear of Bethany.
It has a Glorious Future.
It's the very place where Jesus Christ returns in The Second Coming.

While Armageddon to North of Jerusalem
Zech. 14:3-4
Then the **LORD** (**HDWØH◊Y YHWH**) will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. **:4** In that day **His feet** will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving northward

and half moving southward.

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1b.) He Blesses us with a promise

Verse 50b

(2) He **lifted up His hands**

His Priestly Actions Here, Begin a New Career...

Heb. 7:24
But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. **:25** Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. **:26** For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

Rom. 8:34
Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. **:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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Jesus Leaves Us With A Blessing

1c.) He Blesses us with encouragement

Verse 50c

and (3) **blessed** them.

1c.) He Blesses us with encouragement

Words matter to God.

the truth is – words matter to us as well, and what we say has power. Words have the Power to create and they have the Power to destroy.

You and I can "Make or Break a Person" by how we speak to them.

Prov. 15:1
A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Rom. 14:11
For it is written: *"As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."*

Every human tongue that has ever been created and

put in the mouth of a man - will in the end, bless the Lord.

James 3:3:6,9-10
Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. **:4** Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. **:5** Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! **:6** And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell… **:9** With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. **:10** Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

Verse 50c

and (3) **eulogeo-ed** them.

EUJLOGE÷W eulogeo, *yoo-log-eh´-o;* to speak well of them, to pronounce blessings upon them, to praise them and to encourage them **and to thank them !**

(this "**eulogy**" was directed at, whom they **had been**. Who they **were**, and who they **were about to become** !!! – they were about to be changed forever)

John 17:3

"…This is eternal life, that **they** may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. **:4** I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. **:5** And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. **:6** "I have manifested Your name to **the men** whom You have given Me out of the world. **They** were Yours, You gave **them** to Me, and **they** have kept Your word. **:7** Now **they** have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. **:8** For I have given to **them** the words which You have given Me; and **they** have received *them,* and have known surely that I came forth from You; and **they** have believed that You sent Me. **:9** "I pray for **them**. I do not pray for the world but for **those** whom You have given Me, for **they** are Yours. **:10** And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in **them**. **:11** Now I am no longer in the world, but **these** are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name **those** whom You have given Me, that **they** may be one as We *are.* **:12** While I was with **them** in the world, I kept **them** in Your name. **Those** whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. **:13** But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that **they** may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. **:14** I have given **them** Your word; and the world has hated **them** because **they** are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **:15** I do not pray that You should take **them** out of the world, but that You should keep **them** from the evil one. **:16** They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **:17** Sanctify **them** by Your truth. Your word is truth. **:18** As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent **them** into the world. **:19** And for **their** sakes I sanctify Myself, that **they** also may be sanctified by the truth. **:20** "I do not pray for **these** alone…. *but also for* ***those*** *who will believe in Me through* ***their*** *word*;

saving the best for last means - - the best is yet to come !

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2.) Jesus leaves us with a vision v.51-53

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Jesus Leaves Us With A Vision

2a.) A vision that is secure

Verse 51

Now it came to pass, **while** He blessed them,
that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven

This is Most Significant – Your Knowledge of the Old Testament Exposes a gem here !

Luke Gives Greater Detail
Acts 1:9
Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and **a cloud received** Him out of their sight.

The picture here is of Jesus Christ, The Lamb of God.
Jesus, having been sacrificed as a "burnt offering for us"

Is now the offering, which ascends upward to God as a sweet smelling aroma,

Acceptable and Pleasurable to the Lord.

This Cloud is not a Cloud, it is **The Cloud** –
- The Shakinah Glory of God.

Ex. 40:34
Then **the cloud** covered the tabernacle of meeting, and **the glory of the LORD** filled the tabernacle. **:35** And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because **the cloud** rested above it, and **the glory** of the LORD filled the tabernacle. **:36** Whenever **the cloud** was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel **would go onward in all their journeys**.

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Jesus Leaves Us With A Vision

2b.) A vision that is alive

Verse 52

And they "**worshiped**" Him and "**returned**" to Jerusalem with "**great joy**,"

Psa. 51:12
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

(1) they worshipped Him, (2) they witnessed for Him,
(3) they worked for Him, (4) they waited for Him…

How Real is This ?

(1) do we not worship Him, (2) do we not witness for Him,
(3) do we not work for Him, (4) and are we not waiting for Him…

The Mega Church

Acts 2:41-42
Then those who **gladly** received his word were baptized; and that day about **three thousand souls** were added to them. *(just add living-water)* **:42** And **they** (the 3,000) continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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2c.) A vision that we're to repeat

Verse 53

and they were **continually** in the temple **praising** and **blessing** God. Amen.

For the time being – this was exactly where they were to be, Jesus had said so !

But a time was coming when they were to **launch out** into the world.

Fellowship, Worship, Being Together, Serving One Another;
This is what we are commanded to be doing now –
but with this addition…

We are to be "coming and going" until He returns !

Heb. 10:23-25
Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. **:24** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **:25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another,* and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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3.) Jesus leaves us with a power v.49

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we end by going back to verse 49 – saving the best for last

Behold, **I send** (**the Promise of My Father upon you**); but **wait**
in the city of Jerusalem **until you are endued with power from on high**."

This "**Behold**" is a wonderful word.

"you have **seen**. You are **watching**, so keep **looking**…"

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Jesus Leaves Us With A Power

3a.) The power to excel beyond

Verse 49

Behold, **I send the Promise of My Father upon you**

Upon - EJPI÷ epi, *ep-ee´ to settle upon or to rest atop. To be crowned or dawned with. To have upon you and or over you.*

(terms have been used in I different denominational camps. The filling of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit, or the coming upon of the Holy Spirit)

!!! This is what happens to Christians after Jesus Saves Them !!!
it's a **post-salvation**, on-going anointing of the Holy Spirit
for Service and Ministry.

If you're not living for Christ – you will have no idea what I am talking about – yes you're going to heaven, but you're not being used by God.

Eph. 5:18
And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation;
but be filled with the Spirit,

Earlier in His ministry, Jesus had Given them Insight into "Him who was to come."

John 14:16
And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - **:17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells **with** you and shall be **in** you. **:18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 14:26
But the (paracletos) **Helper, or Comforter**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach you** all things, and **bring to your** remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 16:7
For I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send **Him** to you. **:8** And when He has come, **He** will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **:9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **:10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **:11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. **:12** "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **:13** However, when **He**, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, **He** will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority,* but whatever **He** hears **He** will speak; and **He** will tell you things to come. **:14** **He** will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to **you**.

The Holy Spirit works in your life so that "Jesus is Glorified" thru Your Life in Your World…

Acts 1:4

And being assembled together with *them,* He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said,* "you have heard from Me; **:5** for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now."

Acts 1:8
But you shall receive power **when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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Jesus Leaves Us With A Power

3b.) The power to live life

Verse 49

…but **wait** in the city of Jerusalem
until you are **endued with power** from on high."

Wait **UNTIL** you are empowered

(this means that we no longer need to wait, but rather (1) we **ask**, (2) we **receive** and (3) we **go** !!!

endued - **ejndu/w enduo,** *en-doo´-o;* to be cloaked or draped in a fabric. To be covered in a "full-length" garment. To be robed. To put on fully or completely.

Here, The Greek Language Implies;
To be clothed in righteousness, To be clothed in grace, To be clothed in holiness, To be clothed in power from above !

Acts 4:33
And with great power the apostles **gave witness** to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Why do "you" need the holy spirit in your life?

(1)

you **can't go** to heaven without the Holy Spirit

When Jesus spoke a Blessing upon them, what was the blessing?
The Gospel of John tells...

John 20:21
So Jesus said to them **again**, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." **:22** And when He had said this, He breathed on *them,* and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

When did the first Believer become a "Born Again, Recreation of God?"
((John 20:21-22))

John 3:5
Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **:6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **:7** Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again.' **:8** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

(2)

you cant live the Christian life **without** the Holy Spirit

Eph. 5:16-18
make the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. **:17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.
:18… be filled with the Holy Spirit.

(3)

you must be **tagged** by the Holy Spirit

Eph. 1:13-14

In Him you also *trusted,* after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise, **:14 Who** is the guarantee of our inheritance…

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3c.) The power to finish the course

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Verse 49

Behold, I send **the Promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power from on high**."

…as He "slowly ascends" up and away eventually out of sight
Where are the Tears? - Where's the Crying?
(Jesus is Leaving)

Verse 52-53

And they **worshiped** Him and **returned** to Jerusalem with **great joy,** *(mega-cheerfulness)* **:53** and were **continually** *(without leaving)* in the temple **praising** *(singing)* and **blessing** *(thanking)* God. - Amen.

Jude 24-25
Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, **25** To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, *Be* glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

We no longer need to wait

for The power of the Holy Spirit, His power is available now !

He's here now !

It's the waiting for Jesus' return for us that's the issue now

Luke 11:13b
how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit
to those who ask Him!"

Que - Worship Team To Come Out

(1) Pray that those **who are lost** right now will be found.

(2) Pray that those **who are wayward** will come back home to Christ right

(3) pray that the Lord would **receive our worship** and gratitude and praise.

"Lets Remain Seated as We Pray, No Distractions Please"

(invitation to come to Jesus)

From this moment on, until He comes again;
I want you to "Get out"

Get Out to a Hurting World – your world is in pain.
Get Out to a Hopeless World – your friends are hopeless
Get Out to a Dying World – your family is dying.

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