

Luke 24:36–49 (ESV)

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”

³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.

³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

“The Far Reach of Faith”

The Limitations of Sight

What seems to be the problem with the disciples as Jesus appears before them for the first time since His resurrection?

Notice the lengths to which Jesus goes to demonstrate His physical resurrection. What lesson is Scripture teaching us here regarding what we see and perceive with our senses?

The Primacy of Faith

What does Jesus now appeal to, more than what can be seen and touched, as to the certainty of His resurrection?

How does certainty in Christ as a grace become the believer’s?

What argument could you make to counter the assertion that you can only believe in what you have actually seen and experienced?

*So in conclusion, what again is the difference between faith and sight when Paul tells us that “we walk by faith and not by sight?”
(1 Cor.4:16-18; 2 Cor.5:7)*