



A GHOST HAS NO FLESH

Luke 24:36-53

Luke 24:36-53 (NLT)

³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

³⁸ “Why are you frightened?” he asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt? ³⁹ Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.” ⁴⁰ As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

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⁴¹ Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he ate it as they watched.

⁴⁴ Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.

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⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things.

⁴⁹ “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

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The Ascension

⁵⁰ Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. ⁵² So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. ⁵³ And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

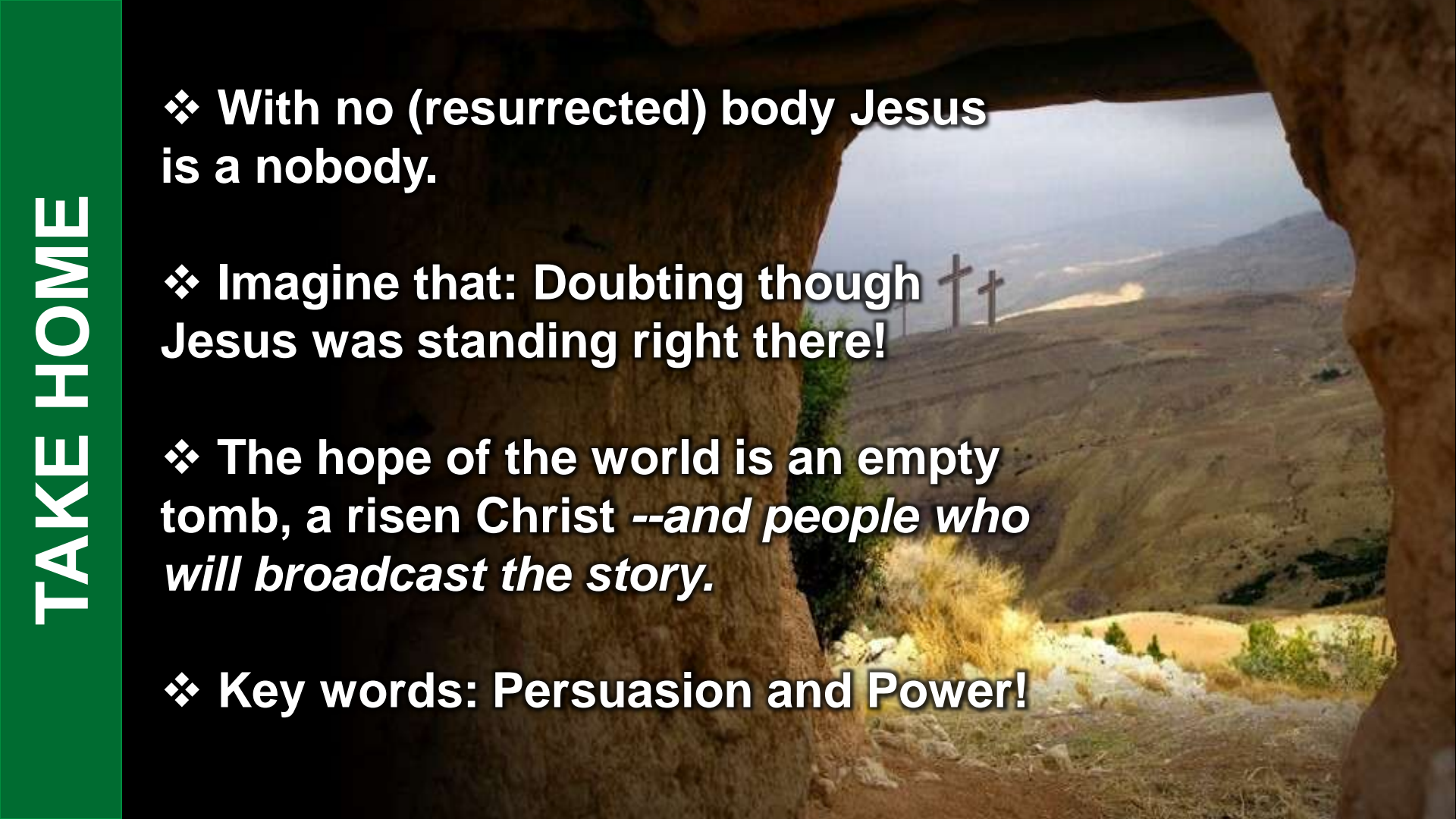
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But he replied, “If I tell you, you won’t believe me. ⁶⁸ And if I ask you a question, you won’t answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God’s right hand.”

⁷⁰ They all shouted, “So, are you claiming to be the Son of God?”

And he replied, “You say that I am.”

⁷¹ “Why do we need other witnesses?” they said. “We ourselves heard him say it.”

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 - ❖ **The hope of the world is an empty tomb, a risen Christ --and people who will broadcast the story.**
 - ❖ **Key words: Persuasion and Power!**
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- A landscape view through a stone archway. In the distance, three crosses stand on a hillside. The foreground is a rocky, dry path leading into the valley. The sky is overcast.

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- ❖ They identified him as a ghost more than once.
Matthew 14:26
- ❖ The 12 were among the most difficult to convince...even after spending time with the risen Jesus.



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- ❖ Can we have a little patience with doubters who are 2000 years removed...and minus the sight of Jesus?
- ❖ Find some food and I'll eat it. Will that satisfy your need for evidence?



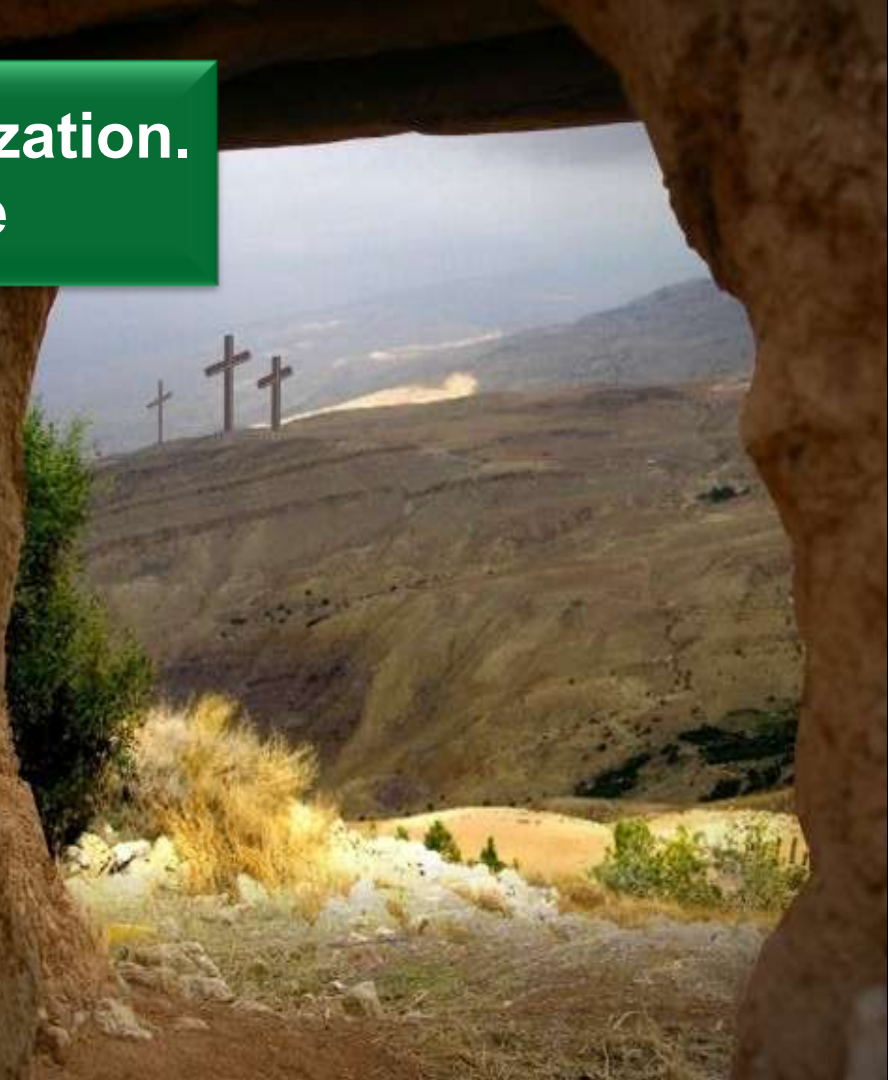
Another Crash Course On 'Jesus In The Old Testament'

- ❖ The Law of Moses
- ❖ The Prophets
- ❖ The Psalms



God's Plan For World Evangelization. The Persuaded Persuade

- ❖ Know the Story well.
- ❖ Have a personal story to tell.
Luke 8:39
- ❖ Operate on High Octane
...Holy Spirit power. Acts 1:4-5
- ❖ Remember who you are.
II Cor 5:17-21



Confession

I BELIEVE

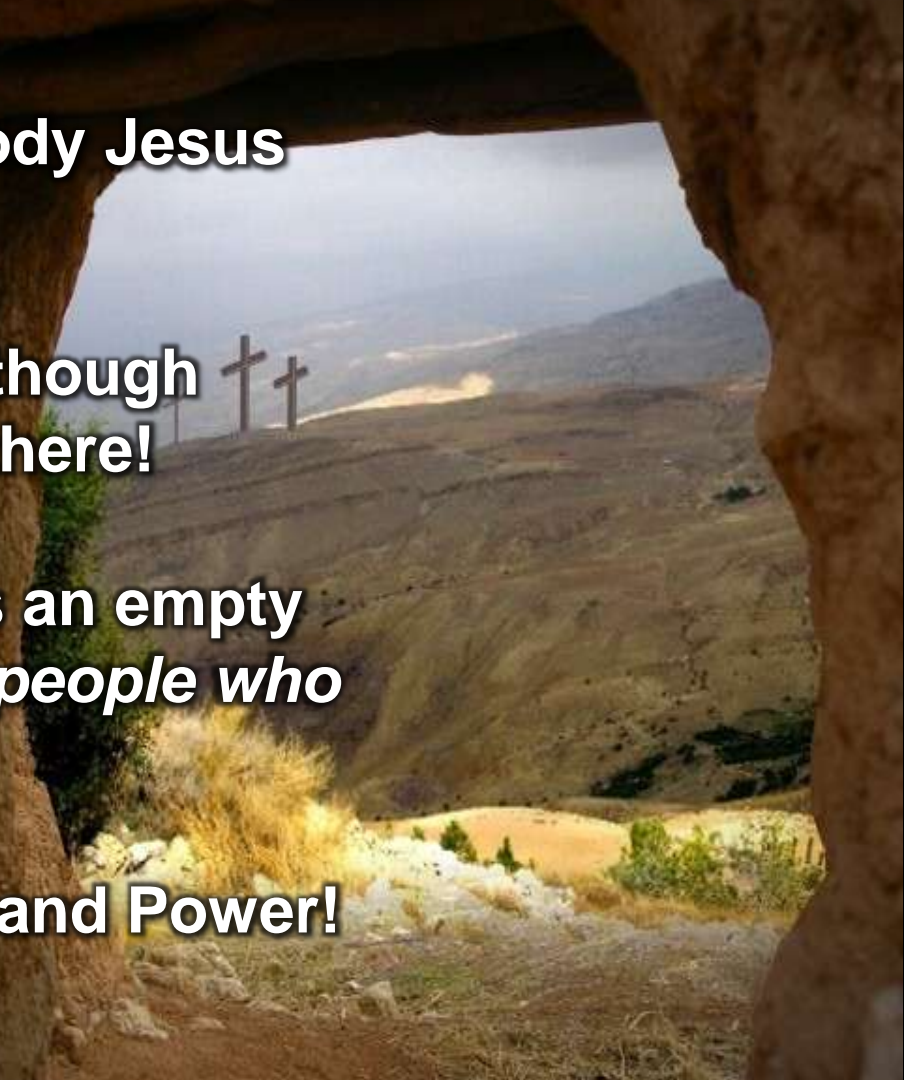
that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.

I TRUST

him as my Lord and Savior.




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Prayer





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