

“Law & Order: Resurrection”

Based on Luke 24:44-49 (NIV)

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Luke 24:44-45

44 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."

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

† **Jesus makes the point that there really is nothing new or unexpected in his resurrection.**

† **The entire Old Testament points to the Messiah.**

† **I need to open my mind through reading scripture, consulting with others and keeping open to the work of God's Holy Spirit.**

† **When I open my mind to what God wants done through me, the answer is already there.**

Luke 24:46-47

46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

† **Christ's message of God's love and forgiveness is to go to all the world.**

Luke 24:48-49

48 You are witnesses of these things.

49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

† **The disciples are witnesses of Jesus' entire public ministry.**

† **I am a witness to the power of God through Jesus Christ.**

† **If I were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence, and witnesses, to prove it?**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† What difficult situation have I had in the past where God, through others, has helped me?

† What difficult situation do I now need help with?
- Is my mind open or closed to God's actions?

† How has my mind been opened to God working in my life through His Holy Spirit?

† How have I been a witness to God's love for someone in their difficult situation?

† How can I now be a witness to God's love for someone in their difficult situation?