Jesus' Appearance to the Disciples: The Great Statements of the Christian Faith

Luke 24:36–49

(Mk. 16:14; Jn. 20:19-23; 20:26-21:25)

1. The first statement: Jesus is risen a. Jesus' first words: Peace	36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be unto you."
b. Jesus' impact1) The disciples were startled and frightened	37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.
2) The disciples were troubled and silently questioning what they were seeing	38 He said to them, "Why are ye troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?
c. Jesus' proof 1) He is flesh and bones	39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."
2) He showed them his wounds	40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.
3) He talked	41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"
4) He ate	42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 And he took it
	and ate it in their presence.
2. The second statement: All Scripture must be fulfilled a. The forewarning b. The utter necessity	44 He 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."

- c. The spiritual insight needed to understand the Scriptures
- d. The particular prophecies that must be understood
 - 1) Christ must suffer and arise
 - 2) Repentance and forgiveness must be preached
 - 3) The Holy Spirit and His power must be sent

- 45 Then he opened their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures.
- 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 and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- 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."