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²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the prophets,

He expounded unto them *what* in all the scriptures were the things concerning Himself.

(And here's a question to ponder: If they were among the company that was the first to hear the good news of His resurrection, why are they going to Emmaus and not to Galilee like He said to?)

²⁸ **And they drew nigh unto the village, where they *were going*:**

and He made as though He would have gone further.

²⁹ **But they constrained Him, saying,**

Abide with us: for it is toward evening,

and the day (Day 1)

is *already* far spent.

And He went in to tarry with them.

³⁰ **And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them,**

He took bread, and blessed (...He gave thanks to God),

and brake it, and gave it to them.

³¹ **And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him;**

and He vanished out of their sight (...which simply means, He was no longer visible to them. And think about it. It does not mean He is not present!)

³² **And they said one to another,**

Did not our heart burn within us,

while He talked with us by the way,

and while He opened to us the scriptures?

³³ **And they rose up the same hour,**

and returned to Jerusalem,

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and found the eleven gathered together,

and them that were with them,

³⁴ **Saying,**

Indeed the Lord is risen, and has appeared to Simon.

³⁵ **And they (...the two on the road to Emmaus) told**

what things were done in the way,

and how He was known of them in breaking of bread. (Apparently even the manner Jesus took His lunch was obviously memorable... when compared to the common actions and habits of their contemporary culture. How much time elapsed? We don't know.)

³⁶ **And as they thus spake,**

Jesus... Himself stood in the midst of them,

and saith unto them,

Peace be unto you. (Suddenly, Jesus is visible again. And what was their gladsome response?)

(Luke writes...)

³⁷ **But they were terrified and affrighted (...they were afraid),**

and supposed that they had seen a spirit. (They were terrified. They were shocked... horrified... and petrified! What is that all about? Obviously, they did not expect to see Him alive. His death did not surprise them. His resurrection certainly did. But Jesus would not allow the disciples' faulty thinking and fear.

You know, we in the 21st Century... yawn in science class when we hear that we are... 'more space than matter.' For decades—longer than we can imagine... they have been doing experiments manipulating molecular structures... trying to make things disappear and reappear. Do you suppose the Lord of glory, who created the universe... knows how to do that? If it is that we are truly... 'more space than matter.'

What was Jesus doing? Jesus was teaching them that the body that was crucified is the same body that was resurrected from the dead.)

³⁸ **And He said unto them,**

Why are you troubled?

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and why do thoughts arise (...why do all those questions arise)

in your hearts?

³⁹ **Behold (...pay attention)**

My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself:

handle Me (...touch Me), and see;

for a spirit hath not flesh and bones,

as you see Me have. (In other words: No, they did not see a ghost. They are not having fantastic phantasms; they did not share as a group... some delusional euphoria. The disciples of Jesus are simply being slapped awake into reality!)

⁴⁰ **And when He had thus spoken,**

He showed them His hands and His feet.

⁴¹ **And while they yet believed *Him* not... for joy, and wondered** (...and amazement, and astonishment... and fear... and confusion),

He said unto them,

Have you here any meat? (In other words: What's for lunch? I've had a busy day since I saw you last!)

⁴² **And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honey-comb.**

⁴³ **And He took, and did eat before them.**

⁴⁴ **And He said unto them,**

These are the words that I spake unto you,

while I was yet with you,

that all things must be fulfilled,

which were written in the law of Moses,

***and* in the prophets,**

and in the psalms, concerning Me.

⁴⁵ **Then** (...the great Shepherd... who was gathering the scattered and teaching many... with now less than 40 days; Jesus was preparing them for the other Paraclete — another Comforter... who would come.)

Then He opened their understanding,

that they might understand the scriptures (...that is what Jesus did on the road to Emmaus; it is what He did in this secluded upper room in Jerusalem; and it is what Jesus did when He appeared to over 500 in Galilee, or wherever He went during these 40 days before His ascension),

⁴⁶ **And said unto them** (...things like),

Thus it is written,

thus Christ would suffer,

and rise from the dead the third day:

(Jesus also said...)

⁴⁷ **And that ‘repentance’** (...actually, the word is: *meta-noia*; ‘change our thinking’...until we think correctly. It is a daily activity of people who seek to be taught by the Lord!

You know, if most parents would like their kids to change their thinking... once in a while... and not be squalling and bawling; and if most educators would like their students to change their thinking... and think correctly; and if most bosses would want their workers to change their thinking... and not be crying and whining, but be learning... regularly learning... then, why wouldn’t God our Father want the same?

The *meta-noia* word is rarely used in Scripture, though we all know it is frequently misused by the condemnation preachers.

Perhaps that is why in some of the gospels the word is mentioned once... or twice. Matthew uses this word only a handful of times; yet John does not use the word. It seems as if the Lord knew the *meta-noia* word was going to be abused; yet, the attitude needs to be ever-present in His students who are lifelong learners.)

(Jesus said, ‘change your mind’... ‘think differently’ about the things of God)

for the remission of sins (...the full payment of sins)

should be preached in His name (...representing Him)

among all nations (...ALL, none excluded),

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beginning at Jerusalem.

(And in 3 verses, Luke fast forwards us... to the 40th day. Jesus said...)

⁴⁸ **You are witnesses of these things.**

⁴⁹ **And behold** (...pay attention),

I send the promise of My Father upon you (...the promised Spirit of the Lord would soon be given):

but tarry ye (...in the meantime, you all wait)

in the city of Jerusalem,

until you be endued with power from on high.

⁵⁰ **And He led them out** (...in the direction of) **Bethany,**

and He lifted up His hands,

and blessed them.

⁵¹ **And it came to pass, while He blessed them,**

He was parted (...Jesus stood apart) **from them,**

and was taken up into heaven.

(Rapidly the scene changed...)

⁵² **And they worshipped Him** (...they must have sensed the moment. Individually, they moved toward Him... to kneel, to embrace, to kiss Him one last time. And then, He was gone into the heavens!)

and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy (...which is probably an understatement; more like: with good tidings... and great joy!)

(Because Luke tells us...)

⁵³ **And they were continually in the temple, praising and eulogia:** (...literally, as they waited in Jerusalem... they were boldly speaking 'good words'; extolling, telling out the greatness of God our Father!)

and continually... extolling God.

And there were only 10 more days before... the Pentecost!