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# Introduction

- On October 31, 1517, an Augustine monk named Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses at the main door of the Wittenberg Castle Church
- The world has not been the same since
- We will not be discussing the historic or political influences of the Reformation

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- We have selected 12 biblical passages which will be studied in this series
- The emphasis of these passages will demonstrate the importance of the Word of God
- At Inste Bible College, we are dedicating 2017 to the celebration of the study of the Word of God

# Biblical Text

- Luke 24:44-49 (ESV) <sup>44</sup> Then 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.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

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# Outline

- The Declaration of Scripture
- The Totality of Scripture
- The Fulfillment of Scripture
- The Understanding of Scripture
- The Message of Scripture
- The Witnesses of Scripture
- The Power of Scripture

# Introduction

- Luke-Acts
  - Luke-Acts is a two volume work written by Dr. Luke
  - The key to understanding Luke-Acts is that the mission of Jesus Christ in the Gospel becomes the mission of the people of God in Acts
  - It is the transference of mission from Jesus the resurrected Messiah to his people



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- Luke-Acts in 6 sections
  - Everything that Jesus did (Lc. 1:1-9:50)
  - Everything that Jesus taught (Lc. 9:51-19:44)
  - Until Jesus went to heaven (Lc. 19:45-24:53)
  - And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem (Acts 1:1-6:7)
  - In all Judea and Samaria (Acts 6:8-9:31)
  - Until the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 9:32-28:31)





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- Unifying verses: Luke 24:44-49 and Acts 1:8
  - Commonality
    - Both use “witnesses” for God’s people
    - Both use have a similar scope “all nations” in Luke and “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the end of the earth” in Acts
    - Both exhort to “wait for the Holy Spirit” until they “receive power”
    - Both admonish that the Holy Spirit will “come and fill” in Luke and “comes upon you” in Acts



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- Luke's Great Commission Focus: Luke 24:44-49 and Acts 1:8- Being Witnesses
- Matthew's Great Commission Focus- Make Disciples (Matthew 28:16-20)
- Mark's Great Commission Focus- Signs and Wonders (Mark 16:14-20)
- John's Great Commission Focus- Sent Ones (John 20:20-21)



# The Declaration of Scripture

- <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,
  - Although Jesus did much teaching during his ministry, in this text, he specifically declares his death and resurrection to them (Luke 9:22, 44; 17:25; 18:31–33; 22:37)
  - Other Scriptures further attest to the death and resurrection of Jesus

# The Declaration of Scripture

- <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,
  - There is also a foreshadowing of Jesus no longer being with the disciples and his ascension (“while I was still with you”)
  - The words of Jesus line up with the teaching of Scripture

# The Totality of Scripture

- <sup>44</sup>“that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms”
  - Law of Moses- The first major section of the Hebrew Bible (the Pentateuch-first five books of the Old Testament)
  - The Prophets- Second major section of the Hebrew Testament (Luke 9:22, 44; 17:25; 18:31—33; 22:37 consisting of the “former prophets” (Joshua through 2 Kings) and the “latter prophets” (the major prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel; the minor prophets: Hosea through Malachi) except Daniel

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  - Psalms-Refers to the third major section of the OT called the “Writings,” which contains the rest of the books in the Hebrew Bible
  - The first (in the Hebrew arrangement) and largest book in this section is the Psalms
  - This was the Bible known and used by Jesus
  - Biblical interpretation needs the depth of ALL of Scripture

# The Fulfillment of Scripture

- <sup>44</sup>must be fulfilled.”
  - πληρόω (plēroō)- to make full, fill (full), to complete a period of time, fill (up), complete
  - Jesus was saying that he came to complete God’s plan in Scripture (Luke 24:25; John 5:39; 20:9)
  - God’s redemptive plan and the coming of the Savior were laid out in the totality of Scripture

# The Understanding of Scripture

- <sup>45</sup> “Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,”
  - διανοίγω (dianoigō)- make open, explain, interpret, to cause one to be open minded
  - νοῦς (nous)- mind, way of thinking, cause to open the mind, to understand something not previously understood and the psychological facility of understanding, reasoning and deciding



# The Understanding of Scripture

- <sup>45</sup> “Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,”
- συνίημι (syniēmi)- to understand, comprehend, perceive, to have insight to and grasp
- Only through Christ and by Christ and the Holy Spirit can a person truly understand Scripture; it is by divine revelation (1 Corinthians 3:14-18)

# The Message of Scripture

- <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name”
- Χριστός (Christos)- Messiah, anointed one, God’s special choice, but in many contexts, and especially without an article, Χριστός becomes a part of the name of Jesus (Christ)

# The Message of Scripture

- <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,”
  - Christ should suffer
    - πάσχω (paschō)- suffer, endure pain, be badly off and to grieve over
    - In contrast to the culture of comfort and abundance in western society, the church is also called to suffer (Philippian 3:10)

# The Message of Scripture

- <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,”
  - On the third day (Lk 9:22, 44; 17:25; 18:32-33; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
  - Rise from the dead (John 20:9; Acts 5:31)
  - Jesus Christ predicted his suffering, death and resurrection to his disciples

# The Message of Scripture

- <sup>47</sup> “and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name”
  - μετάνοια (metanoia)- repentance, a change of life which results in a change of lifestyle and behavior (Mark 1:4; Luke 3:8; Acts 5:31; 11:18; 26:20; Romans 2:4; 2Corinthians 7:9; 2Ti 2:25; Hebrews 6:6; 12:17; 2 Peter 3:9)
  - ἄφεσις (aphesis)- forgiveness, pardon, cancellation and release (Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38; 10:43; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 9:22; 10:18)

# The Witnesses of Scripture

- “to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.  
48 You are witnesses of these things.”
- μάρτυς (martys)- witness, testifier and martyr  
(Jn 15:27; Acts 1:8, 22; 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 5:32;  
10:39, 41; 13:31; 22:15; 1 Corinthians 15:15;  
Hebrews 2:3, 4; 1 Peter 5:1; 2 Peter 1:16; 1  
John 1:2, 3)

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  - ἔθνος (ethnos)- people, nation, gentile and heathen (Matthew 28:19; Mark 13:10; Acts 2:5; 10:22)
    - The scope of the witness and the message is truly to be from every nation, to every nation
    - The Good News of Jesus Christ as testified by the people of God is for everyone

# The Power of Scripture

- <sup>49</sup> “And 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.”
  - δύναμις (dynamis)- power, might, ability, strength and supernatural power (Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:25; Luke 21:26; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 1:21; Romans 8:38)
    - The source of the power is God Himself in the person and work of the Holy Spirit



# The Power of Scripture

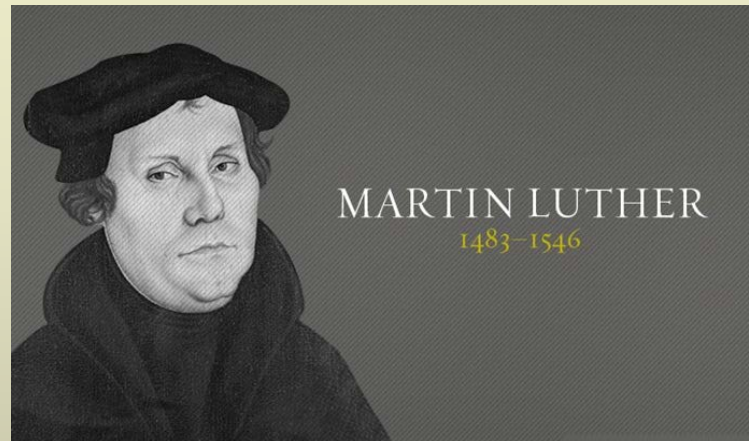
- <sup>49</sup> “And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”
  - ἐπαγγελία (epangelia)- promise, consent and agreement (Acts 1:4—5; 2:33; Galatians 3:14; Ephesians 1:13)
  - The disciples are to wait on the Holy Spirit for both the gifts and the power

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# Conclusion

- Jesus' declaration in our biblical text was the basis for his explanation of his ministry (suffering, death and resurrection)
- Jesus used Scripture as the foundation for his ministry
- Just like Jesus, we need to be word-centered believers
- Let's pray



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