

## Messiah in the Books of Moses: Lesson 1 – Luke 24:1-53

### NOTES: The Introduction

The promise of Messiah progressively unfolds throughout the Old Testament. *Messiah* became the proper name associated with the promised Anointed One of Yahweh Who would come to deliver, redeem, and restore Israel. Since the fall of Adam and Eve into sin, God has kept the hope of His people alive through the promise of Messiah. The Hebrew term *Mashiach* (מָשִׁיחַ) literally translates *Anointed One*. The Greek equivalent of *Mashiach/Messiah* appearing in the New Testament is *Christos* (χριστός). Each time the word *Christ* appears in the New Testament, it is a reference to the office of Jesus as the Messiah.

In the study of *Messiah in the Books of Moses*, six Old Testament prophetic predictions will be explored: the *Edenic Prediction* (Gen. 3:15); the *Noahic Prediction* (Gen 9:25-27); The *Abrahamic Prediction* (Gen 12:1-3); the *Judaic Prediction* (Gen 49:8-12); the *Balaamic Prediction* (Num 24:15-19); and, the *Mosaic Prediction* (Deut 18:15, 18). Each prophecy will be studied within its historical context and in light of its fulfillment in the Person and work of Messiah Jesus as recorded in the New Testament.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples, opening their minds to understand all that was written concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. “Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures” (Luke 24:27). A study of Luke 24 introduces *Messiah in the Books of Moses*, establishing the primary importance of studying messianic prophecy in the Old Testament. This study focuses on the first six predictions of Messiah in the Pentateuch.

### BIBLE TEXT: Luke 24

**Luke 24:1** But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; <sup>5</sup> and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, “Why do you seek the living One among the dead? <sup>6</sup> “He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup> And they remembered His words, <sup>9</sup> and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

**Luke 24:13** And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. <sup>17</sup> And He said to them, “What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> One *of them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, “Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?” <sup>19</sup> And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup> “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> “But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision

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of angels who said that He was alive. <sup>24</sup> “Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup> And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> “Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

**Luke 24:28** And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, <sup>34</sup> saying, “The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> They *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

**Luke 24:36** While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be to you.” <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> “See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup> While they still could not believe *it* because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; <sup>43</sup> and He took it and ate *it* before them.

**Luke 24:44** Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are 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 He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> “You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> “And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**Luke 24:50** And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple praising God.

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**STUDY QUESTIONS:**

1. When do the women who had come with Jesus out of Galilee come to His tomb bringing spices? (Luke 24:1, cf. Luke 23:55-56) What do they find? (24:2-3)
2. How do the women respond to the empty tomb? Who appears to them? (24:4) What question do the men ask the women? (24:5) What do they say about where Jesus is? What three things do the men tell the women to remember about what Jesus had told them while He was still in Galilee? (24:6-7) Do the women remember His words? (24:8)
3. (A) How often do you commit Scripture to memory? Will you commit to completing your lessons each week in order to discover what God has made known about Messiah Jesus?
4. To whom do the women report after returning from the tomb? (24:9) Who are among the women reporting to the apostles? (24:10) How do the apostles respond? (24:11) What does Peter do? What does Peter see in the tomb? How does he respond? (24:12) (A) How do you respond when God makes Himself known to you in unexpected ways?
5. Where do two of Jesus' followers go on that same day as they discuss with each other all the things which had taken place? (24:13-14) Who appears to them as they are talking with other? (24:15) Why do they not recognize Jesus? (24:16)
6. What does Jesus say to the two men after appearing to them on the road to Emmaus? What was their countenance as they stood still? (24:17) (O) Why do you think that they were sad? What question does Cleopas ask Jesus in response to His question? (24:18)
7. List 7 things the men report to Jesus about what had happened. (24:19-24)
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8. Why does Jesus rebuke them? (24:25) What does Jesus say was necessary? (24:26) Where does Jesus begin in His explanation of the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures? (24:27) (A) How important do you think it is to study the Old Testament to fully understand the Person and work of Messiah Jesus? How much prayer and time will you commit each day to this study?
9. As the men approached Emmaus with Jesus, what do they urge Jesus to do when He acted as though He were going farther? How does Jesus respond? (24:28-29) When are their eyes opened to recognize Jesus? (24:30-31) What do the men say that they felt while Jesus was explaining the Scriptures to them? (24:32) What do the men tell those gathered when they return to Jerusalem that very hour? (24:33) What do they relate? (24:34-35)
10. Who appears while Cleopas and the other man are telling those gathered in Jerusalem about Jesus' appearing to them on the road to Emmaus? What does Jesus say? (24:36)
11. How do the apostles respond? (24:37) What question does Jesus ask His disciples who are gathered in Jerusalem? (24:38) (A) What are your fears and doubts concerning Jesus? What does this passage reveal about Jesus' awareness of your fears and doubts?
12. What evidence does Jesus offer to them? (24:39-40) While they still could not believe because of their joy and amazement, what does Jesus ask? (24:41) What do they give to Jesus and what does He do with it? (24:42-43) (A) What does this reveal about Jesus' resurrected body?

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13. What words does Jesus say that He had spoken to them while He was still with them? What must be fulfilled? (24:44) List three places that contain teachings about Jesus. (24:44)  
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14. What does Jesus do so that they could understand the Scriptures? (24:45) (A) Will you ask Jesus to open your mind to understand the Scriptures?
15. List 3 things that Jesus says are written about the Christ (Messiah) in the Old Testament? (24:46-47)  
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(2)  
(3)
16. What does Jesus say that He is sending to His witnesses? How long are His witnesses to remain in Jerusalem? With what would they be clothed? (24:49) After Jesus leads them to Bethany where he blesses them, what happens? (24:50-51)
17. After worshiping Jesus, where do they return with great joy? What do they do continually in the temple? (24:52-53) (C) When are His witnesses clothed with power from on high after the ascension of Jesus? (cf. Acts 2:1-4)
18. What do you learn about Messiah Jesus in Luke 24? How could this truth transform your life?

Write a prayer response to Luke 24.