First Central Bible Church Dr. Mark Wheeler *Easter Sunday* 4/9/23

# The Resurrection: Too Good To Be True?

Luke 24:36-53

Some people, including a few of Jesus' disciples, have a hard time believing the resurrection actually took place. They feel it is just too good to be true. Jesus went about convincing his disciples by presenting them with three types of evidence. Rather than continue in our skepticism and disbelief, we need to consider the evidence closely. *When we believe the evidence for the resurrection, our lives will be transformed.* 

# Physical Evidence: Jesus Christ had a physical body (36-43)

Jesus was physically present with his disciples (36)

Jesus had a body that could be seen and touched (37-40)

Jesus ate a meal with the disciples (41-43)

# **Biblical Evidence: Jesus Christ fulfilled the prophecies of Scripture (44-46)**

Jesus reminded the disciples of the promises of Scripture (44)

Jesus helped the disciples understand that he is the central focus of Scripture (45-46)

# Personal Evidence: The disciples were transformed (47-53)

Jesus gave the disciples a mission to accomplish (47)

Jesus told them to tell what they had seen (48)

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit was coming (49)

Epilogue: The disciples went from fear to boldness (52-53)

# The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!