



# The Key To Unlocking Everything

The Gospel of Luke 24:13-35





# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE



If you could  
witness anything  
from the life of  
Jesus, what  
would it be





I would choose to travel  
the gospel road from  
Jerusalem to Emmaus,  
walking with two disciples  
on an Easter afternoon  
and listening to Jesus  
explain how everything  
in the whole Bible  
is all about him.

— Phillip Ryken —  
President of Wheaton College











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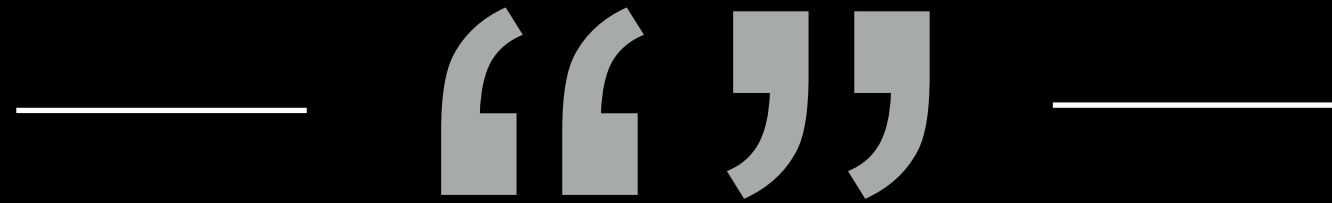












**Why do you seek the living  
among the dead?**

**The Angel at the Tomb**

— The Gospel of Luke 24:5 —





**The women “told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.”**

**Luke the Evangelist**

The Gospel of Luke 24:10-11



## The Gospel of Luke 24:13-35

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**13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all the things that had happened.**



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**15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.**



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**17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad.**



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18 Then one of them, named **Cleopas**, answered him, **“Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”** 19 And he said to them, **“What things?”**



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**And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.**



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**21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things have happened.**





Jesus of Nazareth  
The Gospel of Luke 9:22

**The Son of Man must  
suffer many things  
and be rejected by  
the elders and chief  
priests and scribes,  
and be killed, and  
**ON THE THIRD DAY**  
be raised.**



“...everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and **ON THE THIRD DAY** he will rise.”

— Jesus of Nazareth in the Gospel of Luke 18:31-33 —





**Why do you look for the living among the dead. He is not here, he has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on **THE THIRD DAY** rise.**

The Angels at the Tomb in  
The Gospel of Luke 24:6-7





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**22** Moreover, **some women** of our company **amazed us**. They were at the tomb early in the morning, **23** and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said **he was alive**.



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**24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.**

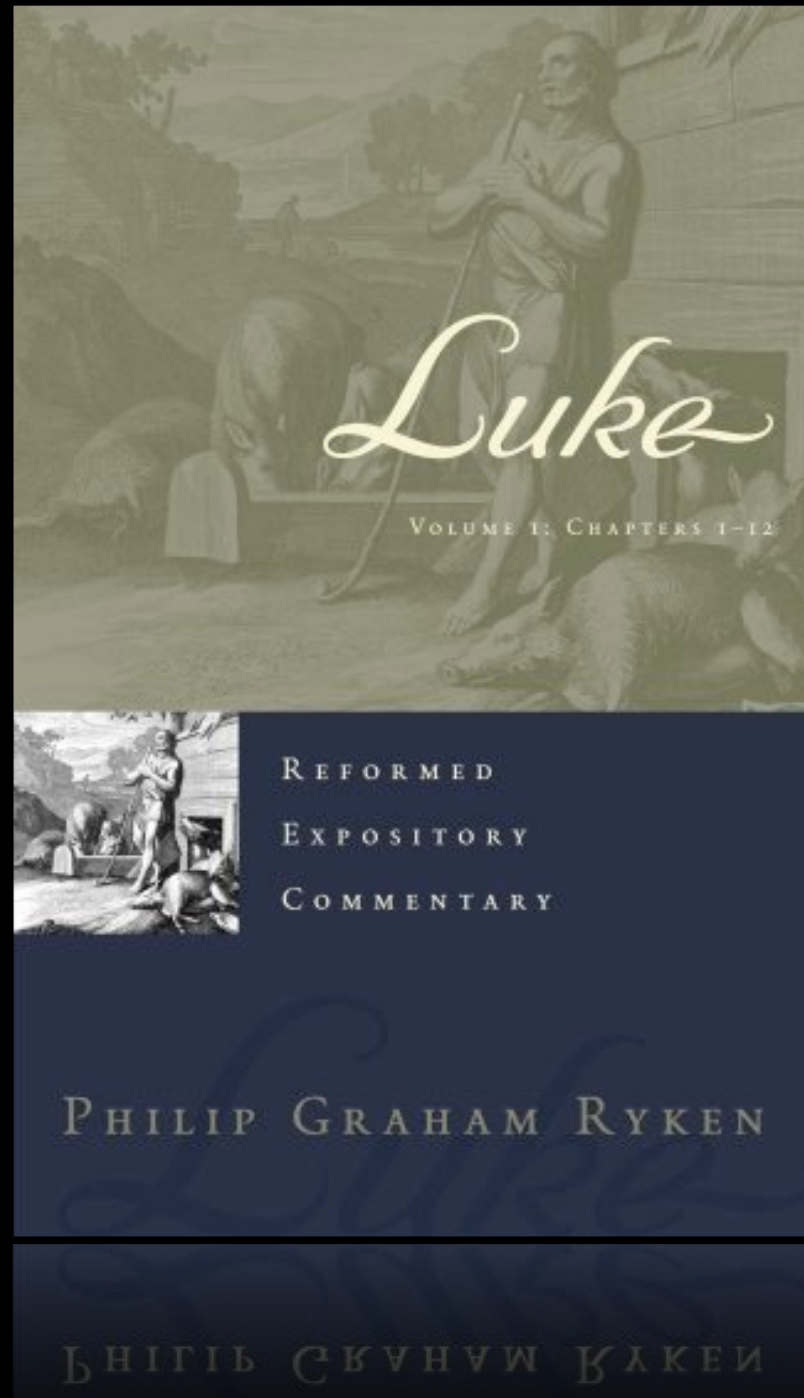




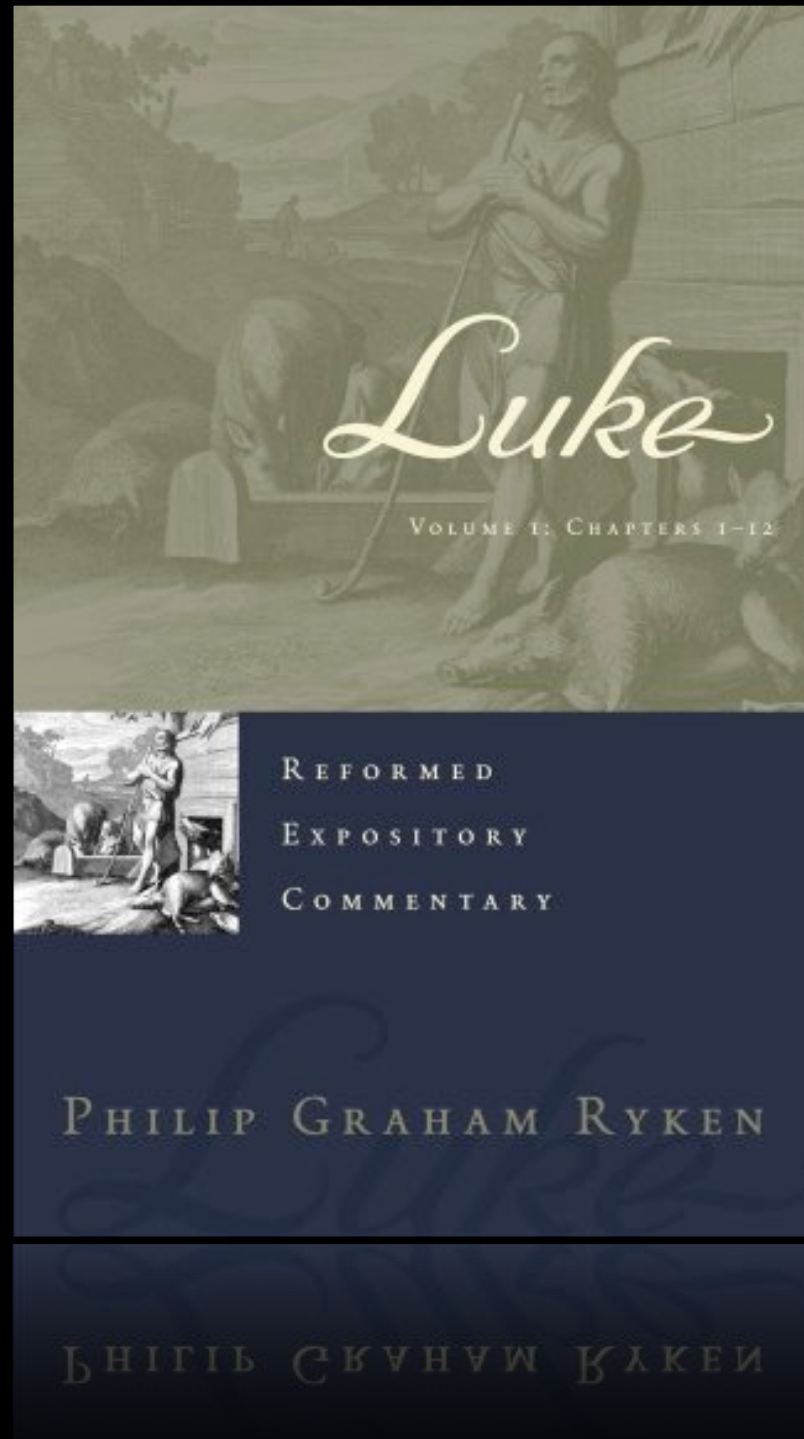
**“The ‘Gospel’ of Cleopas”**

**There was an Execution  
There was an Empty Tomb  
There were Eyewitnesses**





**They had basically all the facts they needed about the cross and empty tomb, including the witness of the apostles, but in their confusion it did not yet add up to a gospel. It was like hearing the punch line without getting the joke...**



**So the Gospel according to Cleopas was not really a gospel after all. The word ‘gospel’ means ‘good news,’ but there is no good news unless Jesus has risen from the dead.**



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25 And he said to them, “O **foolish** ones, and **slow of heart to believe** all that the prophets have spoken....”



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**26 “Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and enter into his glory?”**



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**27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.**







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**28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.**



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30 When he was **at table** with them, he **took** the bread and **blessed** and **broke** it and **gave** it to them.



**Wait a minute!  
That sounds a lot  
like Communion.**



<b>Luke 22:19</b> (The Last Supper)	<b>Luke 24:30</b> (The First Supper)
<b>at table</b>	<b>at table</b>
<b>He took bread and</b>	<b>He took the bread</b>
<b>when he had given thanks</b>	<b>and blessed</b>
<b>he broke it</b>	<b>and broke it</b>
<b>and gave it to them</b>	<b>and gave it to them</b>

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30 When he was **at table** with them, he **took** the bread and **blessed** and **broke** it and **gave** it to them. 31 **And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.**



I do not cease to give  
thanks for you, remembering  
you in my prayers,  
that the God of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Father of  
glory, may give you a  
spirit of wisdom and of  
revelation in the know-  
ledge of him, having  
**the eyes of your hearts  
enlightened....**



The Apostle Paul  
— Ephesians 1:16 —

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**31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.**



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**32 Then they said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened the Scriptures to us?”**

The Bible is alive,  
it speaks to me;  
it has feet,  
it runs after me;  
it has hands,  
it lays hold of me.

Martin Luther (1483-1546)





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**33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.**

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**33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them together, 34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”**



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**35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.**

# Important Question

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**Why does Luke record this account in his historical biography of Jesus?**



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**The Gospel is the Good News  
about the Crucifixion AND  
Resurrection of Christ the King.**

**The eyes of our hearts must be  
enlightened to not only see Him,  
but to embrace Him as our risen King.**

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**You are no longer faced with an argument which demands your assent, but with a Person who demands your confidence.**

— CS Lewis  
*On Obstinacy in Belief*

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**Let's look to see  
Jesus in the Gospel**



# **The Gospel is “Good News!”**

**It’s “Breaking News”  
about the person of Jesus—  
His crucifixion AND  
resurrection, and this  
Good News calls for a  
response from each of us.**





# Paul before King Agrippa (Acts 26)



**And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day.**



# Paul before King Agrippa (Acts 26)



**And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?**



# Paul before King Agrippa (Acts 26)



**...I stand here today testifying to both small and great, saying...that nothing but what Moses said would come to pass:**

# Paul before King Agrippa (Acts 26)



**...that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the nations.**



# Paul before King Agrippa (Acts 26)



**I am not out of my mind...I am speaking true and rational words. The king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly.**

# Paul before King Agrippa (Acts 26)



**For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.**



# Paul before King Agrippa (Acts 26)



**King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe them.**

# Paul before King Agrippa (Acts 26)



**And Agrippa said to Paul,  
“Do you think in such a short time you  
can persuade me to be a Christian?”**



# Paul before King Agrippa (Acts 26)



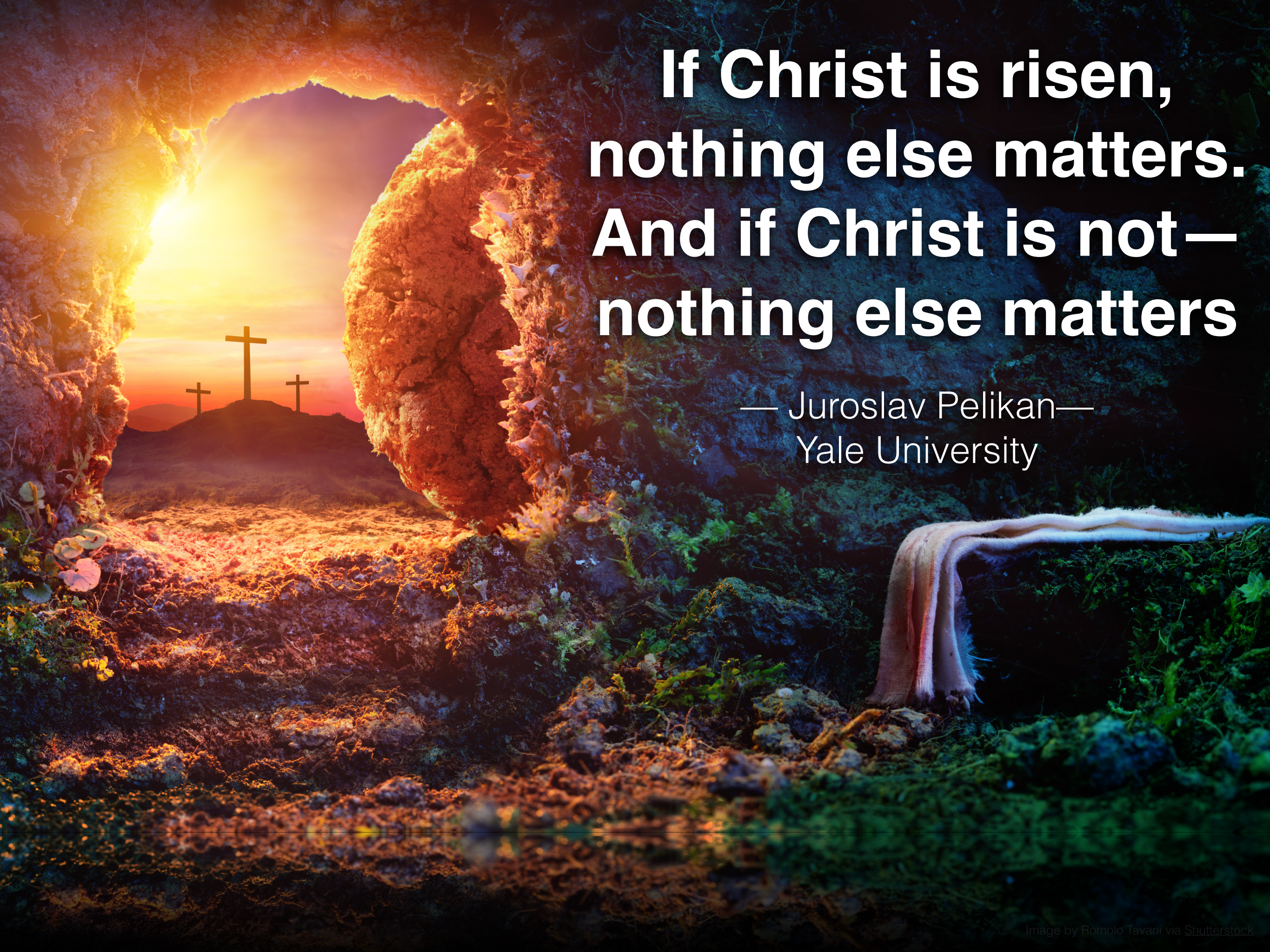
**And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but all who hear me this day might become as I am—except for these chains.”**

“ **deconstruction** ”

de·con·struc·tion

**the process of reevaluating  
and even challenging your  
worldview and beliefs**





**If Christ is risen,  
nothing else matters.  
And if Christ is not—  
nothing else matters**

— Juroslav Pelikan—  
Yale University





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**Let's look to see Jesus  
in all the Scriptures**



**From every town,  
village, and little hamlet  
in England, wherever it  
may be, there is a road to  
London.... And so from  
every text in Scripture  
there is a road to the  
metropolis of the  
Scriptures, that is Christ.**



**Charles Spurgeon  
(1834-1892)**

**Your business is, when you get to a text, to say, ‘Now, what is the road to Christ...?’ Run along the road towards the great metropolis—  
Christ.**

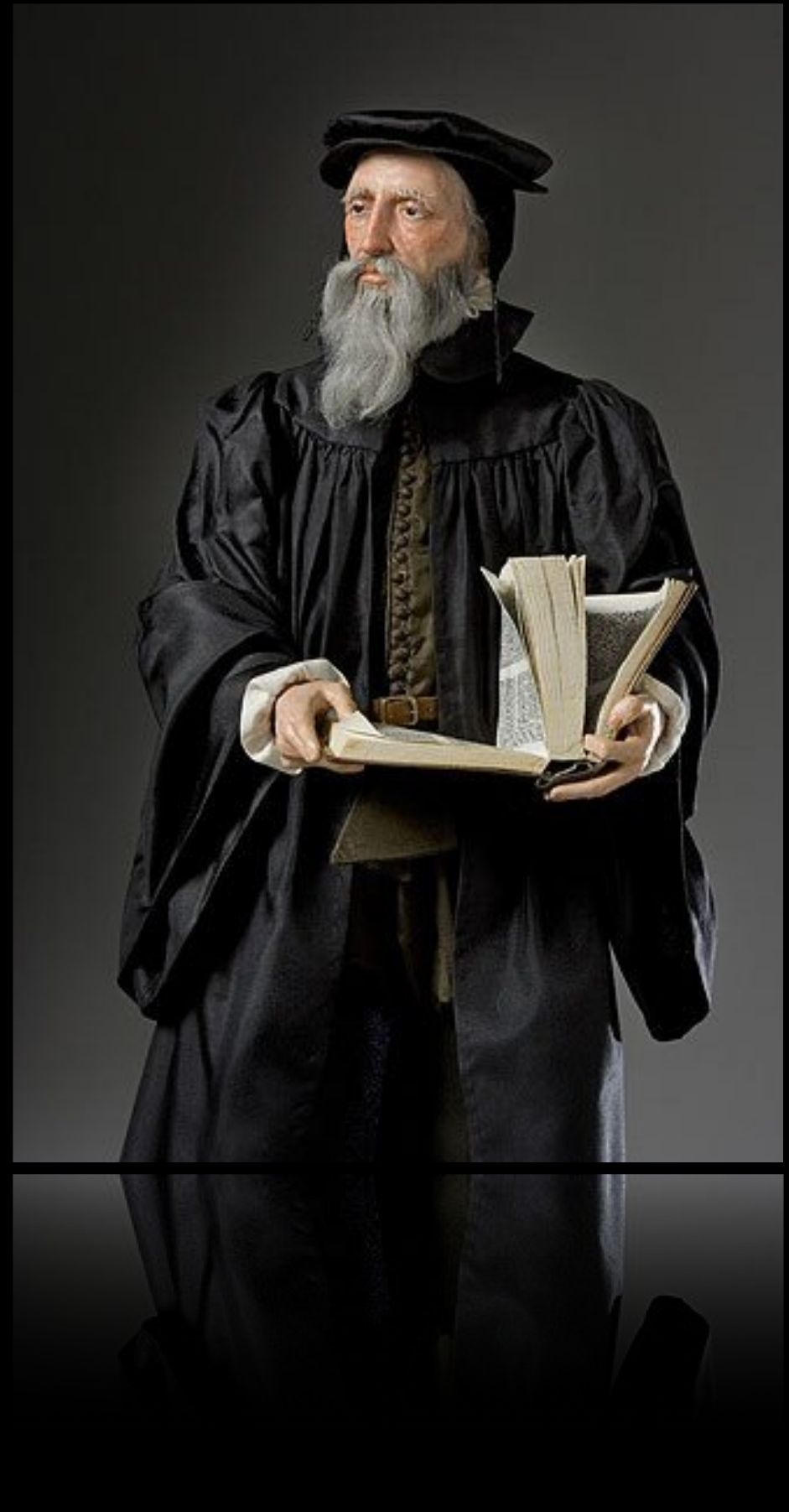


Charles Spurgeon  
(1834-1892)



**This is what we should  
seek...through the  
whole of Scripture: to  
know Jesus Christ truly,  
and the infinite riches  
which are included in  
him and offered to us  
by God the Father.**

— John Calvin (1509-1564) —



How is your  
appetite for  
the Scriptures







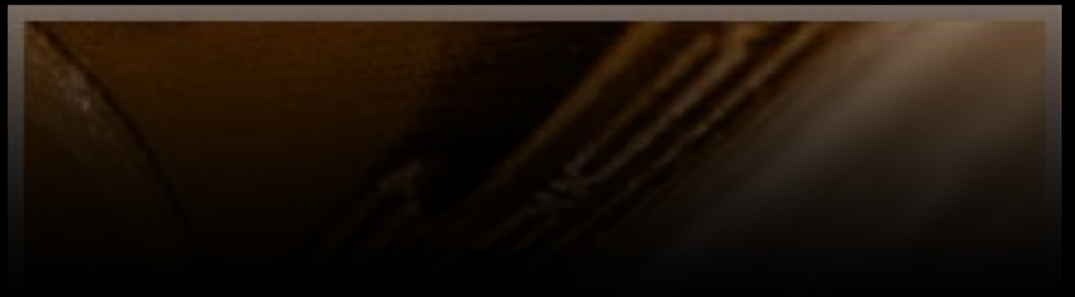
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**Let's look to see Jesus  
in the Sacrament  
of the Lord's Table**

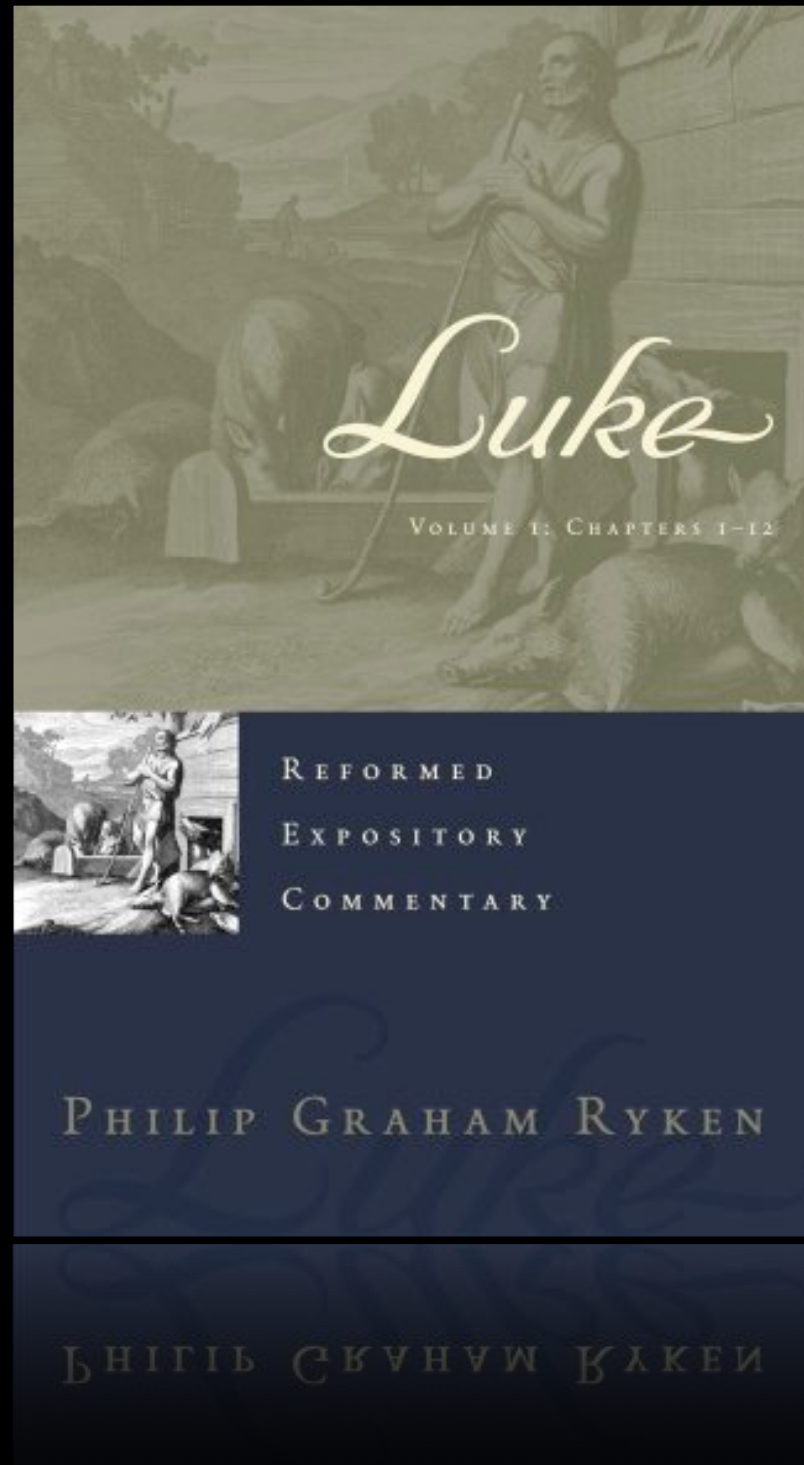


**Then they told what  
had happened on the  
road, and how he  
was known to them  
in the breaking  
of the bread.**

— The Gospel of Luke 24:35 —







**The sacrament does not offer us a grace that is any different from the grace we receive by believing what the Bible says about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What the sacrament does is to give us the same grace in a different way—a way that helps us to see Jesus.**



# COMMUNION

Past - Present - Future





**May the eyes of your heart be enlightened to see Jesus—the crucified and resurrected King—in the Gospel, in the Scriptures, and in the Sacrament. He is the key to everything.**

