



Today's Message

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Title: *The Message Proclaimed to All Nations*

Text: Luke 24:44–49 (ESV)

⁴⁴ 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.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ 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.”

Introduction: As Resurrection Day moved to a close, Jesus taught his followers the same truths that he shared earlier in the evening on the road to Emmaus. He helped them understand the Scriptures and what they foretold about him and his mission. Then, he commissioned his followers on that day and in the ages to come to take his message to the world.

Today's take-home truth: The risen Christ entrusted to his followers the greatest message for the greatest mission.

- I. **The risen Christ entrusted to his followers history's greatest message. 44-47a**
 - A. The source of the message is Scripture.

1. We learn the message from all the Scriptures. 44
 2. We understand the message with divine help. 45
- B. The subject of the message is Christ.
1. Christ suffered to pay for our sins. 46a
 2. Christ rose from the dead to rule. 46b
 3. Christ grants forgiveness to all who trust him with repentant faith. 47a
- II. The risen Christ launched his followers on history's greatest mission. 47b-49**
- A. The scope of the mission is global. 47b
 - B. The nature of the mission is proclamational. 48
 - C. The power of the mission is Spiritual. 49