

Everything Must Be Fulfilled

- Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- Alleluia, he is! And on very night J rose fr dead, said to discs: **vs. 44a**. It'd been quite day, that 1st ES. Very early in morn, pious women went to tomb, only find stone rolled away: tomb empty; J gone! Then suddnly 2 brghtly-shining angels stndng next them: "Risen fr dead! Go tell discs!" So they go, share news. Pt&Jn break out into full sprint for tomb. Jn first, looks around. Then Pt arrives, out/breath, barrels into tomb. True: J gone. Then scene shifts to afrtrn walk; 2 discs heading twrd village/Emmaus. Strngr joins them on road; they get into big discssn re recent events: crucfd rabbi & talk of res. Sun low in sky when make it village, and decide eat dinner tog. But during meal, this nameless strngr sorta pulls back veil. What! It's J! Him whole time! And while still trying figure thngs out, J suddnly dispprs! "Woah! What just hapnd?" So they tear off for Jrslm, find discs, say: "Nvr bel what just hapnd!" It was a rollrcstr of emotns that night – fear, confusn, exctmnt – as this bewildered band of J's discs gather tog.
- **Vs. 36-37**. Of course scared! They saw this man: crucfd/buried; now he's standing right next! **Vs. 38-39**. I'm pictrng hndshks, hugs, happinss. And I've always loved how in mid this joyful reunion, J asks for snack. "Got anythng eat?" **Vs. 42-43**, not bec hungry, but to show them he: alive! And as fear/shock start giving way to peace/joy & renwd faith, discs huddle tog arnd Sav, and J continues Bible study he began on road/Emmaus, when: **"How foolish you are, and how slow bel all that the prphts have spkn! Did not the Mes have to suffer these thngs & then enter his glory?" And begnng with Moses & all the Prphts, he explaind to them what was said in all the Scrptrs concernng himself" (Lk 24:25-27)**. Then in a candlelit clssrm, the evening lecture continues as Mstr Tchr: **vs. 44 (OT)**. **Vs. 45** – so could undrstnd that all OT prophts re Mes – they all point to J; they're all fulfilled in J.
- What Bible study that must've been! Can you just imagine what wld've been like to hear J connect dots btwn OT psgs and himself?! We don't know exctly what he said; but I could imagine he'd've talked re:
 - Gen 3, GE, how A&E sinned; promised Eve's offspring crush serpent's head; J on cross.
 - Passover lamb, blood doorframes, save fr dth; J: Lamb/God, blood saves us dth.
 - OT priesthood & all sacrfc; J: our GHP, sacrfd himself for us, once for all.
 - Moses, Dt 18: Lord raise up perf prpht fr among ppl; J: that prophet.
 - Jer 23: I will raise up for Dvd righteous Branch, King reign wisely; J: king, born fr line/Dvd.
 - David wrote Ps 23 (Lord Shepherd); J: I am GS.
 - Talked re J's birth. Isa: virgin w/child (Mary/J); to us child born, son given: J. Micah: Bthlhm.
 - Isa 60: Magi coming visit J. Hosea 11: J being kept safe in Egypt, when Herod killed all baby boys in Bthlhm, which Jer 31 talks about. Isa 9: Galilee as center for Mes's ministry.
 - Haven't said anythng yet re J's Passion. Ps 22 one/clearest messianic prophts re J's suf/dth. Ps 22: "My God, why forsaken?" – you heard J say that. "Pierced hnds/ft" – you know what that means. "Divide garments among them & cast lots for clothing" – saw that on GF. It's all in Ps 22!
 - Or how about Isa 53 re Suf Servant. That whole chapter takes you right to cross!
 - Of course, OT also predicts J's res. Ps 16: "You will not abandon to grave, nor let Holy One see decay." Ps 118: "Stone builders rejected, capstone; I will not die but live, proclaim Lord done."
- Could go on/on. But all these vss/pgs: exmpls of messianic prphcy that point directly to J. Entire OT points directly to J. J is the fulfilmnt. And that's what J was tchng discs that Easter eve when: EMBF!
- **Vs. 44**. **"Must be"** – which means: none/this: accidnt, coincdnc, happnstnc. This: God's plan! God planned for our salvtn to be carried out just exactly way happnd. **EMBF**, bec when God has plan, sticks to that plan. And his plan was for J to be crucfd & rise fr dead to save us. So that's what had happen.
- You could say: God's prophts are God's proms. Whole OT is one great big prom. God said: "I'm going fix your sin prob; send you Sav; send my Son. He's going live among you; die for you; take away your sins; and going defeat dth for you by rising fr dead." That's prom! The OT: prom made. J: prom kept. Listen: if God didn't love you, wouldn't make you all these proms; surely wouldn't keep them! But our God: prom maker & prom keeper. And that is exactly what J meant when: EMBF.

- Now, not evthng has been fulfilled yet. J: vs. 46 – has hapnd; vs. 47 – is hapnng and will cont hap until Last Day. See, J also promsd: he’d come back – hasn’t hapnd yet; judge living/dead – hasn’t hapnd yet; raise all ppl fr dead & bring all bels to himself in hvn – hasn’t hap yet. So not evthng’s been fulfilled yet. There are more proms to be kept.
- But I bel he’ll keep them, bec EMBF. J has always kept word in past; and I have no reason to bel he’ll fail me in future. Doesn’t lie. Not like smday I’ll die & stand before God, and he’ll say: “Really? You actly bght that whole J thing?! Just big hoax! Too bad for you.” No. One of greatest lessons of Easter is that God is a prom keeper. And Easter is greatest prom ever kept.
- And that’s exactly what J was tchng his discs that first Easter evening when said: vs. 44a.

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

