

Luke 24:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

Analysis

Peter's testimony: 'Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.' When the Emmaus disciples returned to Jerusalem, they found the Eleven declaring: 'The Lord is risen indeed' (Ὄντως ἡγέρθη ὁ Κύριος, Ontōs ēgerthē ho Kyrios, truly the Lord has been raised), 'and hath appeared to Simon' (καὶ ὥφθη Σίμωνι, kai ophthē Simōni). The adverb 'indeed' (Ὄντως, Ontōs) indicates certainty—this isn't speculation but verified fact. That Jesus appeared to Simon Peter (mentioned nowhere else except 1 Corinthians 15:5) is significant. Peter had denied Jesus three times; this private appearance likely involved restoration. That the church highlights Peter's testimony despite his failure demonstrates grace's triumph. Resurrection guarantees restoration for all who've failed but repent.

Historical Context

Peter's resurrection encounter is crucial but under-reported. Only Luke 24:34 and 1 Corinthians 15:5 mention it, with no narrative details. This private meeting likely parallels John 21:15-19, where Jesus restored Peter after his denials. That Jesus appeared to Peter individually before appearing to the group demonstrates grace's personal nature—Jesus seeks the wounded, the ashamed, the failed. Peter's restoration qualified him for leadership—at Pentecost, he boldly preached Christ (Acts 2). His failure and restoration made him compassionate toward others (1 Peter 5:10, 2 Peter 3:9). The principle applies universally: Christ meets repentant failures privately before using them publicly. Restoration precedes service.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Why is Jesus' private appearance to Peter significant, and what might have occurred?
2. How does Peter's restoration after failure qualify him for future leadership?
3. What does this teach about Christ's grace toward believers who've failed but repented?

Interlinear Text

λέγοντας	ὅτι	ἡγέρθη	ό	κύριος	οὗτως	καὶ	ὢφθη
Saying	G3754	is risen	G3588	The Lord	indeed	and	hath appeared
G3004		G1453		G2962	G3689	G2532	G3700

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to Simon

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Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 15:5 (Parallel theme): And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: