

THE END IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!

LUKE 24:36-53

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1. **Confusion** – They basically thought Jesus was a _____!
2. **Rebuke** – Jesus invites them to “Touch me, and see.” Then He eats a piece of fish.
_____ **DON'T EAT FISH!**
3. **Instruction** – Jesus again helps them _____ how all of the Bible is pointing to Him as the Messiah!

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Warfare, Worship & Witness

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PSALM 68:18-20; EPHESIANS 4:8-14; 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16

- **The last thing we see the disciples doing in the Gospel of Luke is _____! They are worshipping God for all they have _____ and all that Jesus has helped them _____!**

ACTS 1:1-11

- **The good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is of an _____ Kingdom that is to go forth from us – literally – to the ends of the earth. We have been given the great opportunity to tell the world of this great _____ that God has offered to us in Jesus Christ!**
- **Re: worship & witness... It's not an either/or. Worship is the _____ of witness!**
- **We should always remember that worship _____ witness.**

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1. **Confusion – They basically thought Jesus was a ghost!**
2. **Rebuke – Jesus invites them to “Touch me, and see.” Then He eats a piece of fish. GHOSTS DON’T EAT FISH!**
3. **Instruction – Jesus again helps them understand how all of the Bible is pointing to Him as the Messiah!**

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- **The good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is of an ever-expanding Kingdom that is to go forth from us – literally – to the ends of the earth. We have been given the great opportunity to tell the world of this great salvation that God has offered to us in Jesus Christ!**
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