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WITNESSING FOR JESUS
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Women This twenty fourth chapter of Luke may be very properly called the witnessing chapter. In the first seven verses we see the women early to the sepulchre and hear the two men from heaven bear witness that, "He is not here, but is risen." The women then go to the Apostles and bear witness to all the things heard at the grave. Peter and John run to the grave and find it as the women have said.

Emmaus In the second paragraph of the chapter two men are walking out to Emmaus when a stranger joins them and inquires in to their communications. He rebukes them for not understanding all these things because the scriptures all through have born witness to the very things that have happened in the last three days. He then takes up all the testimony given in the Law, Prophets, and Psalms concerning Him. As they go in to eat and sit at the table and He breaks bread they recognize Him.

In the Room Scars - see my scars they testify and scars not without a day - They then rushed back to church seven and one half miles and found the Apostles bearing witness that Jesus had risen and appeared unto Simon. Then they arose and told about recognizing Him in the breaking of bread. Now the record goes on to say: "And as they thus spake Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them and said, 'Peace be unto you! (But they were terrified and affrighted for they supposed that they had seen a spirit. And He said unto them, 'Why are you troubled and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet that it is I myself. Handle me and see. For a spirit doth not have flesh and bones as you see me have.' And when He had thus spoken He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they did not yet believe for joy, and wondered, He said, 'Have ye here any meat?' And they gave unto Him a piece of breilled fish and of an honey comb. And He took it and did eat before them. And He said unto them, 'These are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms concerning Me!' Then opened He their understanding that they might understand the scriptures. And said unto them, 'And thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations begining at Jerusalem. And ye YE are witnesses of these things.'

So this chapter is indeed a witnessing chapter for the men and the word of God in the early days. But it is more, it is a chapter linking up the witnessing of the first century to all the ages to come. After all the testimony of the chapter is in, then JESUS says, "Ye are witnesses of these things."

That turned the button that connects you and me with the current. We are witnesses. You can not help being a witness. But remember there are two kinds of witnesses. A woman was speaking of her husband as being an angel and some one standing by in the spirit of teasing said, "Yes you are right but you must remember Mrs. X there are two kinds of angels-- the high and the low."

There are two kinds of witnesses: the true and the false. We might notice the meaning of a witness. In the first place a true witness. A true witness is one who tries to put the one for whom he

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is testifying in the right light before men. He will give this testimony which he knows to be truth at the expense or risk of his own life. A false witness is one who tries to put the one who is right in the wrong loght and to raise the wickeed to an undeserved place in the sight of men. *When you take the Cause of one who is wrong and proclaim him right you are witnessing a losing fight.*
Witnessing has characterized Christianity from the time John the baptizer came for a witness to bear witness of that Light which is the true Light which lighteth every man coming into the world. There is something fascinating about witnessing a thing that you are interested in. It is said that in the far north where the sun so seldom shows his face that when one person sees it appear that he passes the word along to his neighbor and he to his neighbor etc. until the message gets far ahead of the sun. It should be fascinating to us to witness thus for Christ.

1 "Ye are witnesses of these things." What things? That the O.T. is full of prophecies concerning Him. The central thread that runs through it is that "God with us" was going to be experienced. In the second place that, "It behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day." When Christianity ceases to give testimony to this fact then the church dies. In the next place "That repentance and remission of sins be preached in His name among all nations begining at Jerusalem."
3 "Ye are witnesses of these things."

A true witness now is one who endeavors to place the one for whom he testifies in the right light before men. He will do this at the risk of his own life. If we place Jesus in right light before the world we will give testimony to what He taught. We will be willing to give our lives that we may tell the world that it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day and that repentance and remission of sins be preached in His name in Indianola-no-in U.S. no- among all nations.

This was a great advancement over a one race religion. Every step forward in a good cause most always takes blood. Jesus said, "You are going to be brought before kings and rulers, persecuted and your lives poured out for my sake. That is witnessing for me. Ye are my witnesses."

Witnessing for Jesus is not only telling the story. His witnesses have told the story. Telling it is a little job. It is more it is living that testimony out in our lives. Paul said, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus," "I die daily."

Now I do not ofetn get angry but I really did the other day. Oh not angry but had righteous indignation. A man said, "Jesus is my substitute. If He does not save me I am gone. There is nothing I can do to be saved. My life gives the lie every day to what I profess to be." Another said, "My life does not axemplify the faith that is in me." "My spirit is willing but my flesh is weak." They meant this, that they had certain sins that they were not going to give up for they wanted to keep on with those things and the grace of God had to save them. Christ would bear it all--there was not a thing they could do to get rid of it. In other words God has made us so that we can not do any thing toward saving our selves and we just have to sin and He will excuse it all. But Jesus said that we are witnesses to the doctrine that repentance then remission be preached.

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