

Witnesses: Luke 24:36-53

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Who likes forensic
police dramas?

CSI

Silent Witness

Traces



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Investigators

Back story. Relationships. Mental state. Motive?



Examine the evidence

“Peace be with you”. Calm down!

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?

(NIV Lk 24:37–38)



Examine the evidence

Now take it slowly.

Listen. Observe. Touch. Understand

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.” (NIV Lk 24:39)

Stay grounded (vv41,43)



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Get the back story. Make sense of it

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.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

(NIV Lk 24:44–45)

Then wait for divine power (v49)



The jury

Luke presents his case

Listen to the arguments (on both sides)

Consider the evidence carefully and rationally

Avoid confirmation bias

The resurrection is the only explanation
that makes any sense



New witnesses

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

(NIV 1 Pet 3:15)

