

# Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Your Law. – Psalm 119:18

Through the Bible in a year reading guide – Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church

## August – Week 32

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We read God's Word:  
To know Him better  
To love Him more  
To walk in His ways  
To be conformed to the image of His Son

**This week's reading:** we finish Luke and begin Acts, both written by Luke, sent to the same person, "Theophilus". These books give us eyewitness testimony from the events surrounding John the Baptist's birth through the Gospel spreading across the Roman Empire. **Luke's** account of the "Olivet Discourse" (21:5-36) begins like Matthew's (who gives us a more detailed account in chapters 24 and 25) and Mark's (chapter 13), "See to it that you are not misled." The big "sign of the times" is deception. Deception has exploded with increased information disseminated via the Internet, and many are being misled. Toward the end of this discourse, He repeats (21:34) to be on guard, and that it is coming upon all who dwell on the face of all the earth (35), but He also tells us that there is an "escape" to "all these things that are about to take place and to stand before the Son of Man." (36). **The** last recorded healing by Jesus was 22:51, healing an ear. **Luke** is the only account that says Jesus looked at Peter after the third denial. **In** 22:69 and His quote from Psalm 110:1, Jesus makes it clear that He is the Messiah (the Christ). **Luke** lists seven times where Jesus was declared "not guilty" (23:4,14,15,20,22,41,47). **Of** the three men crucified in 23:33, One died for Sin, one died to sin, and one died in sin. **Jesus'** words in 23:43 show there is no "soul sleep" (a false teaching that you are not conscious until the resurrection). When believers die, we go to be with Jesus. **Luke** tells us seven things about Joseph of Arimathea (23:50-52). **A** walk of seven miles could easily take hours; what a great time to have had a recording device to hear Jesus expound on the Scriptures as they walked to Emmaus (24:27, and again in v.45)! They so thoroughly enjoyed it that they "urged" Him to stay with them. The Greek word means, "to compel by force", used only twice (24:29, Acts 16:15). **Luke** makes a chronological jump in 24:49, skipping the instructions to meet Him in Galilee, as a segue into his second letter, the book of Acts. **You** may want to notice the emphasis of "the Name" of Jesus in Acts. **The** angel was not sent to the Ethiopian eunuch; Philip was. God has given evangelism to us (Acts 8:26).

### Insights from the Original Biblical Languages (Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic):

**Greek:** it isn't obvious in English, but in 22:31, "you" is plural when He said, "behold, Satan asked earnestly to sift you all". In verse 32 it is, "you" singular. **We** looked at Jesus' response to the chief priest in Matthew (Week 12); Luke 22:67-68 provides additional parts of the conversation - their hearts were hard - Jesus used the strongest possible negative statements: "If I tell to you all, there is no possible way you all will believe; and if I ask, there is no possible way you all will answer." **Aramaic:** "Barabbas" means "a son of a father", compared to Jesus, the Son of the Father. **Greek/Latin:** some translations, use the name "Calvary" in 23:33. However, the Greek word in Luke 23:33 is the same one used in Matt. 27:33, Mark 15:22, and John 19:17: Κρανίον ("krah-nee'-on"), meaning, "skull". The translators took the Latin word "Calvariae" (pronounced, {I am told} "calvary-eye") from the Vulgate and dropped it into the English text instead of translating the Greek word into English, "skull", as in the other three Gospels). **Greek/Hebrew:** The name Arimathea comes from the Greek version of a Hebrew name for the city of Samuel, "Ramathaim" (1 Sam. 1:1). **Acts 1:12** mentions "a Sabbath day's journey", which is not in the Law. It is a tradition, a rabbinical teaching, in the Babylonian Talmud (also mentioned in Targum Ruth) - 2,000 cubits, approximately 0.6 miles (or one kilometer).

### How has God revealed Himself in this week's reading? What has He shown me this week?

**The** resurrected body of Jesus had flesh and bone, and He could eat (24:36-43) - He was not a spirit! The Bible never says Jesus' resurrected body went through doors, floors, or walls. He is able to be where He wants. **Jesus** is the fulfillment of Scripture (24:26-27,44-47). **The** Holy Spirit is God: Ananias lied to the Holy Spirit, which is lying to God (5:3-4,9). He is the One who comes upon believers in Jesus, empowering us as His witnesses (1:8,2:4,4:31). **In** Acts 10 we see the great grace of God in making salvation through faith in Jesus available to non-Jewish people, Gentiles.