

Håb 1.4 Død - og så alligevel ikke død – Lukas-evangeliet 24,36-49

Levende hund er bedre end en død løve, sagde den vise Salomo. En død Messias er en falsk Messias. Især en Messias, der døde ved det, der var forbandelsens symbol: Hængning eller korsfæstelse. Punktum.

Næ, ikke punktum, for nu er der et kap. 24 i Lukas-evangeliet. Tre dage efter er Jesu grav tom, og to engle fortæller nogle kvinder, at Jesus lever. De gør opmærksom på, at Jesus selv gentagne gange har forudsagt sin lidelse, død og opstandelse.

Disciplene vil først ikke tro det. Det er kvindernes forstand, der har slået klik. Senere kommer to mænd og påstår, at de har set Jesus i levende live. Og så ... er der en kendt skikkelse til stede (v.36ff).

Spørgsmål

- De troede, de så et spøgelse og blev skrækslagne. Ærlig talt - er det ikke meget forståeligt? Men hvad gør Jesus for at overbevise dem om, at det ikke bare er et syn eller en drøm, men noget virkeligt?

- Jesus gør meget ud af at understrege, at hans død og opstandelse er forudsagt af profeterne i Det gamle Testamente, og minder om, at det havde han forklaret dem for længe siden. Hvorfor mon han gør så meget ud af, at det er opfyldelse af profetier i Det gamle Testamente?

- Jesus understreger, at budskabet om ham fra nu af ikke blot er for jøder, men for hele menneskeheden. Hvad angår det os, at Jesus i sin tid døde og opstod?

- Når Jesus tilsyneladende kunne opstå, hvorfor så overhovedet lade sig tage til fange, lide og dø?

Mens de talte om dette, stod han midt iblandt dem, og han siger til dem: "Fred være med jer!" De blev bange og forfærdede og troede, det var en ånd, de så. Men han sagde til dem: "Hvorfor er I rystede, og hvorfor kommer der tvivl i jeres hjerte? Se på mine hænder og fødder – det er mig. Føl på mig og se; en ånd har ikke kød og knogler, som I ser, jeg har." Da han havde sagt det, viste han dem sine hænder og fødder. Og da de af bare glæde stadig ikke kunne tro, men undrede sig, spurgte han dem: "Har I noget at spise her?" De gav ham et stykke stegt fisk, og det tog han og spiste, mens de så det.

Så sagde han til dem: "Dette er, hvad jeg sagde til jer, mens jeg endnu var hos jer: Alt det må opfyldes, som står skrevet om mig i Moseloven, hos profeterne og i salmerne." Da åbnede han deres sind, så de kunne forstå Skrifterne, og han sagde til dem: "Således står der skrevet: Kristus skal lide og opstå fra de døde på den tredje dag, og i hans navn skal der prædikes omvendelse til syndernes forladelse for alle folkeslag. I skal begynde i Jerusalem, og I skal være vidner om alt dette. Og se, jeg sender det, min fader har lovet jer; men bliv i byen, indtil I bliver iført kraft fra det høje."

HOPE 1.4 Dead – and yet not dead – Luke 24:36-49

A live dog is better off than a dead lion, the wise Solomon said. A dead Messiah is a false Messiah.

Especially a Messiah who died on what was the curse symbol: Hanging or crucifixion. Full stop!

No, not full stop, because now there is a chapter 24 in the Gospel of Luke. Three days later the tomb of Jesus was empty, and two angels tell some women that Jesus lives. They draw attention to that Jesus himself several times has predicted his suffering, death and resurrection.

At first the disciples will not believe it. It is the women's reason which has failed. Later, two men arrive and claim that they have seen Jesus alive. And the ... a well-known figure appears (v.36ff).

Questions

- They thought they saw a ghost and were terrified. Honestly – is it not understandable? But what does Jesus do in order to convince them that it is not just a vision or a dream but something real?

- Jesus is keen to stress that his death and resurrection is foretold by prophets in the Old Testament, and reminds them that this he has explained to them long ago. Why does he make so much out of that it is a fulfillment of prophecies in the Old Testament?

- Jesus stresses that from now on the news about himself is not just for Jews but for all mankind. As for us, what does it matter that Jesus died and was resurrected at one time?

- Apparently, Jesus was able to rise from the dead. Why at all, then, let himself be captured, suffer and die?

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

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? 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."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

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. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."