**GRAND "OPENINGS" IN LUKE 24** 

(Luke 24:1-9)

1. OPENED TOMB: (Luke 24:1-3) "they found the stone rolled away"

The tomb wasn't supposed to be opened: (Matt. 27:65) "Pilate said to them, go your way, make it as sure as you can. So a stone was rolled across the opening, sealed, and a guard was posted."

2. OPENED MEMORY: (v6-8) "remember ... and they remembered his words"

Jesus' resurrection was taught during His ministry: (Matt. 12:40) "the Son of man shall be three days and nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 20:18-19) "the third day he shall rise" (John 2:19) "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again"

3. OPENED EYES: (v31) "And their eyes were opened, and they knew him"

Before their eyes could be opened, they had to study the testimony or evidence.

(v10-11) "and they believed them not"

(v16) "but something held their eyes that they did not recognize him"

(v25) "O slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken"

With evidence presented, they knew it was Jesus.

4. OPENED SCRIPTURES: (v32) "and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

(v27) "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself"

(v31) "And their eyes were opened, and they knew him"

(v32) "they said to one another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked

with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures"

Studying the scriptures should move us to know Jesus.: (John 20:30-31)

5. OPENED HANDS THAT BLESS: (v50) "lifted up his hands and blessed them"

6. OPENED THE DOOR TO HEAVEN: (v51) "and carried up to heaven" (Heb. 6:19-20) (John 14:1-6)

7. OPENED A NEW DAY OF GRACE: (v47) "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem"

It happened: (Acts 2:38) "repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"