

**“Who Is God?”**

Luke 24:18-48

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## I. A SIMPLE VIEW OF GOD

### A. Boundaries Make Us COMFORTABLE

**Luke 24:21** *“But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.”*

### B. Boundaries Make Things FAMILIAR

**1 John 4:8** *“Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”*

### C. Shaking Up The Simple

**Luke 24:36** *As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”*

## II. A COMPLEX VIEW OF GOD

### A. Boundless Is FRIGHTENING

**Luke 24:37** *“But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.”*

### B. Boundless Causes DOUBTS

**Luke 24:38** *And [Jesus] said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”*

### C. Boundless Is HUMBLING

**Isaiah 46:9** *“I am God, and there is none like me,”*

## D. Simplifying The Boundless

**Luke 24:41–43** *And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.*

## III. A BALANCED VIEW OF GOD

### A. God Is LOVE And God Is GOD

**Luke 24:41** *“they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling,”*

### B. A Heart Of WORSHIP

**Luke 24:45** *“Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,”*

### THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

- 1. Simple or Complex?** Discuss with your family and friends this week if you tend to have a simple view of God or a complex view? Why?
- 2. A Balanced View Of God.** When things go wrong does it shake up your faith? Does your theology sometimes keep you from appreciating the basics or keep you from loving the people around you? Invite the Holy Spirit this week to open your mind to understand the Scriptures; to understand who God is.