



Luke Chapter 24

VI. The Vindication of the Son of Man before Men, Luke 24:1-49.
5. The Promise of Giving them the Holy Spirit, vs. 49.

We see the parallel to **Luke 24:49** in **Acts 1:1-8**, (continued).

Acts 1:8

Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Here, Jesus tells the disciples of the four-fold “missionary field” He is sending them out too.

- 1) Jerusalem: the local area, home town, family members.
- 2) In all Judea: our state, beyond our home town, relatives.
- 3) Samaria: our country and those antagonist towards us.
- 4) Remotest part of the earth: international; the whole world.

Four is the number of creation and material completeness. It tells us the four-fold scope of our evangelizing / witnessing is to be throughout all of God’s creation on earth; throughout the world, **Mat 28:18-20**.

Needless to say, Jesus came in His 1st Advent to save us because of His great love for us. He came to witness and evangelize, as He revealed the Father and His Plan of salvation for all of mankind. The motivation of His love for us was why He stepped out from His heavenly Kingdom and stepped into our earthly realm as one of us.

As such, the four-fold commissioning He gave to His disciples in **Acts 1:8**, was motivated by His four-fold love for us, that the Father also wants us to know, **Eph 3:18-20**. Therefore, this four-fold charge to evangelize / witness is based on the four-fold love God and His Son Jesus Christ have for us that they desire us to know. I called this love His Tesseract love, as explained below.



Eph 3:18, “That you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth. ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”

When we know the Love of Christ for us by knowing His Word, we understand the four dimensions of His tesseract love for us.

Here we have four dimensions, “breath, length, height, and depth” that describe the multi-dimensional love of Christ in a spatial and poetic way, plus something else, which we are more than capable of comprehending by means of GAP, **cf. Rom 8:35-39**.

Rom 8:35-39, “Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written, “FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.” ³⁷But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer

through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

These four dimensions have been variously defined to depict aspects of Christ’s love and God’s great plan for our lives; some even use them to define the temple as typology. Here, we will define how each word is used in the Bible and then review its significance regarding Christ’s love and the four-fold mission field.

“The Breadth,” HO PLATOS, “width, breadth, or expanse.” Used 4 times in 3 passages in the NT, here, **Rev 20:9; 21:16** (twice), it is the extent from side to side. It is used literally and figuratively to indicate the great extent of something. It is used in **Rev 20:9; 21:16**, to describe the Gog army and a description of the New Jerusalem. Breadth is the first line in space, connecting two points (God and man). We could say this represents our salvation and God’s love for us in providing it.

“And Length,” KAI MEKOS, “length.” It is used only here, and then only otherwise in **Rev 21:16** (twice), regarding the measurement of the New Jerusalem. In these passages, it takes on the meaning of space and is translated “length.” In extra Biblical writings, it was also used to describe length of speeches, greatness or magnitude, and even longitude. But in regard to length of space, in fact, this is the first aspect of describing space, as two points are connected to create a line and the third point creates space. So, Paul spoke of linear space, the “length,” as he prayed for the believer to know the full magnitude of Christ’s love. We could say this is the connection of our salvation with our spiritual life. It is related to God’s Predesigned Plan for our spiritual life here on earth.

“And Height,” KAI HUPSOS, “height.” (Some Greek translations reverse the order of the last two here, but the most ancient have it in this order.) HUPSOS is used 6 times in the NT, first in **Luke 1:78; 24:49** and then our verse and **Eph 4:8** describing the heights of God and godliness. Then in **James 1:9** of high positions, “seated at the right hand of God,” and also in **Rev 21:16** when John measured the New Jerusalem, he added a third dimension: “The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.” In the Greek language, this word is also used figuratively to refer to the concept of royalty, dignity, sublimity, or grandeur that all describe what the Word of God is, which teaches us what Christ’s love is, and depicts our status as Royalty in Christ.

As the third aspect of measurement, it creates the 3rd dimension of space. As two points can be connected, (breadth), to create a line segment, and two parallel line segments can be connected, (length), to form a square, now two parallel squares can be connected, (height), to form a cube. These three measurements make up what man comprehends as space. But there is one more aspect of our Lord’s love that goes beyond space.

“And Depth,” KAI BATHOS, “depth.” This is the most used of the four measurement words in Scripture. It is used nine times, both negatively as in **Mat 13:5; Mark 4:5**, regarding the seed sown on rocky soil whose roots that penetrate it have no depth and it soon withers away, and **Rev 2:24**, for the evil of false doctrines inside of Satan’s cosmic system. Then it is used positively as in **Luke 5:4**, for the instructions of Jesus to put down their nets to catch fish (a simile for evangelizing), and **Rom 9:39; 11:33; 1 Cor 2:10**, describing the depths, (deepness and richness), of God, His Word, His decisions, and His love for us which nothing can separate us from.

Rom 8:39, “Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

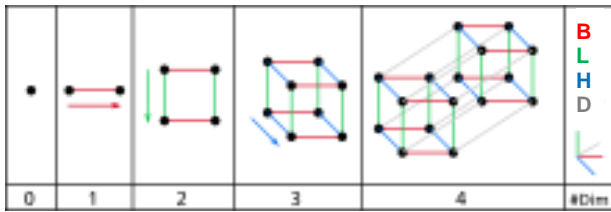
Rom 11:33, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!”

1 Cor 2:10, “For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.”

What is fascinating about this, is that it is a fourth dimension of the knowledge of Christ's love for us. In geometry and mathematics, the first three dimensions describe what is called Euclidean space. It is named after the Ancient Greek mathematician Euclid of Alexandria. Euclidean space is also generalized to mean higher dimensions. But now we have a fourth element and that element is time. In mathematical physics, Minkowski space or Minkowski space-time is a combination of Euclidean space and time into a four-dimensional manifold, also known as the space-time continuum. The space-time continuum adds time as the fourth dimension to the three plans of space. Minkowski space is closely associated with Einstein's theory of special relativity, and is the most common mathematical structure on which special relativity is formulated. Below is a representation of the 4D's of space and time.

In summary, as noted above:

1. Two points can be connected to create a line segment; Breadth.
2. Two parallel line segments can be connected to form a square; Length.
3. Two parallel squares can be connected to form a cube; Height.
4. Two parallel cubes can be connected to form a tesseract; Depth.



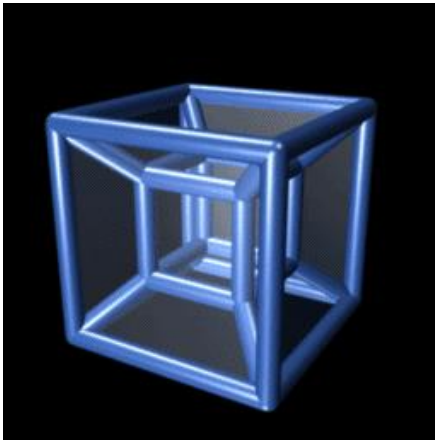
Now what does this mean to us? Well, here is a picture of a 2D and 3D object.



Notice the enhancement of the object in 3D compared to 2D. That is a good visual of the enhanced knowledge we gain through GAP of the Love of Jesus Christ, as we grow from spiritual childhood to spiritual adulthood. But now we have 4D knowledge through GAP at Supergrace. We have the added element of time to space that speaks of the never-ending love God has for us that He wants us to know, realize, and live in. With the element of time added, we have the addition of envelopment. The following motion picture gives you an idea of the incredible leap of knowledge we gain in 4D Love.

If you click on the image below, it should be rotating. If not, in your mind's eye recognize the cube within the cube that is connected. In that space of motion, the inner cube comes out and then surrounds the outer cube without losing its space and connection. One envelops the other and the other envelops the first, and it continues over and over again. Now, maybe you can imagine the picture of Christ's love for you, when you know the love of Christ and have it in your heart, where Christ is at home. In other words, His love envelops you and your love envelops Him, over and over again, without end.

Therefore, the four stages of understanding Christ's Tesseract Love are represented as follows:



1) “**The Breadth,**” Represents the understanding of Christ’s Tesseract Love related to your salvation.

2) “**The Length,**” Represents knowing the full magnitude of Christ’s Tesseract Love to connect your salvation with the spiritual life you can now live.

3) “**The Height,**” Represents knowing our exalted position in Christ’s Tesseract Love as members of the Royal Family of God being in union with Jesus Christ.

4) “**The Depth,**” Represents knowing the eternal enveloping of Christ’s Tesseract Love for you that surpasses mere human knowledge and is “beyond what we would ask or think.” This is the “life beyond dreams,” regarding your spiritual life.

Rom 11:33, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!”

Comparing Scriptures like **Job 11:5-9; 28:12-28**, we see that depth speaks of knowledge, the manifold or multifaceted wisdom that we noted in in **Eph 3:10**.

Job 11:7, “Can you discover the depths of God? ... ⁸They are ... Deeper than Sheol, what can you know?”

In order to know and live in 4D love, you must know and live in the 4D wisdom of God, which describes the spiritual adult believer in the supergrace life. Therefore, Paul’s petition in **Eph 3:18-19**, is that we lay hold of the vast expanses of the love of God. He wants us to live in four dimensions. Cf. **Eph 1:3-4; 2:4-7**.