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"... in the days of the voice... " Rev. 10:7

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Evidence Of The Resurrection

1 [Brother Neville reads Luke 24:1-32.] Thank you, Brother Neville. And a good evening to you all. It's been a great day for me, this day. It has been great in many ways. Of course I've got a little older today, so it makes it a little greater, and I ... getting a greater age. But I ... It's been a great day because it's Easter. And then a great day because something has happened to me this day that I have ... will never forget. It was a desire that come on my heart, that I ... All my life I've wondered about things and, why was I born into this world.

2 Then I was just thinking this morning, when I was speaking, of Moses and what must have come in his mind when he learned that he was a Hebrew. Why would God ever permit him to be raised up in Pharaoh's palace, and then take a place of position at the backside of the desert to find what he was to do in life?

3 And I've often wondered as a boy how that God in the early days had been speaking to me. Then I wonder why He permitted that picture to be taken. I wonder why He did it in Germany and in Finland. I wondered why all these things that's happened. I just can't believe that it was because that ... because I'm not a preacher. I haven't the education, I haven't the ability, to be a preacher.

4 It must be something different. I believe God's people are in bondage. I believe they're in bondage because of tradition of men. And today we have tens of thousands dying daily with diseases that medical science can't touch. And they're God's children.

5 And I believe—I may not live to see it—but I believe that there's coming an hour and that may be soon at hand, that God is going to do something in this manner to prove that He's still Almighty God. I believe it. I've seen it in a measure, but I believe it was a small measure to what we will see.

6 Now I am to leave in the morning for a little rest period, which I ... Today I, in that water, I baptized many ... [Blank spot on tape] ... times, but I got colder today than I ever did in my life. I got so cold I could hardly talk. It was just because of run-down. I've been going since Christmas, or right after Christmas, with hardly a night off. And I have no bad cold, but I'm just weak and run down.

7 I'm going down to the lake tomorrow, the Lord willing, to take a few days of rest. I will be back, the Lord willing, in a few days; and we will meet together again before I go out in the services, God willing, which is just about ten, about twenty days from now. Then I go back for the full month in the New England states. Come back, that's the whole month of May with two days, two or three days, off. Then from there I hardly have over about five days until I go to Africa. That's all through the month of June. And it's going to be hard. I'm going to depend on this little church, these people, praying for me, for I need it—need it very bad.

8 And you know, no one will never know, this side of Glory, what all it's been and how the struggles that I've had to go through. I don't tell it to people. There's no need of telling it to people. They couldn't understand it; neither do I understand it. It's just something you just go on, that's all. Just go ahead.

9 Now, so that the people standing won't have to stand too long, I've chosen for a text tonight. ... This text, as Brother Neville has just read Luke 24 of the resurrection, my subject tonight is "The Evidence Of The Resurrection."

10 And now, while he was reading, there was several things that he spoke of here that I'd like to refer to. And that is the first ... that these who went to the tomb first in the morning.

11 Now, no matter how much He died, and how pathetic His death was, if there was no resurrection, He was just a man that died. See. There's been many great men in our world that has made great claims. For instance, Confucius, the great Chinese philosopher, died about twenty-three hundred years ago. Buddha, the great prophet-god of Japan, also died around twenty-three hundred years ago. Made great statements, but he died and he remains in the grave. There's Mohammed, the privilege of being at his grave, where for two thousand years the white horse has stood at his grave, changing guards every four hours—expecting him to rise some day, and ride the world down and conquer it. Mohammeds, which is the greatest religion in number in the world. They outnumber all the Christians, Catholics put together. But yet, Mohammed is in the grave.

And all these religions, when we say that Jesus is raised from the dead, they say, "Prove it."

And we say, "Well, He's in our hearts." They say that their founders is in their heart.

12 But I'm so glad that Jesus left us the solid-rock foundation of His resurrection. We don't have to wonder. It is the truth. The amazing thing is that so many people doesn't see it. And I've wondered that, and tonight I'm going to try to approach it by the Scripture.

LUKE24:4-6

13 Now, if you notice these ones was at the tomb early in the morning, they met two men, which were angels in shining apparel, which said unto them that He was. . . . “Why seek ye the living among the dead?” They’d went to the tomb and found that He was not there. And they asked this notable question, “Why are you seeking the living among the dead?” And he said, “When . . . these things He told you when He was yet in Galilee.”

PSA34:7 LUKE24:6

14 Now maybe you might just read over the top of that, but let’s study that for a moment. He said, “He told you these things when He was yet in Galilee.” Why didn’t they understand it? Why didn’t they get it? And here’s another great significance to it, that these ones who told him this or told these disciples was at the grave, they must have been with Him also in Galilee, for they knew what Jesus had told them before His crucifixion. Oh, what a blessed thing! You see, those disciples didn’t know those angels were there. But they evidently was there because they said, “Did not He tell you this while He was yet in Galilee?” And that fulfills what the Scripture said, that the angels of God are encamped about those who fear Him.

LUKE24:6

15 And what a great thing that is to know that tonight, right in this building, there is angels of God standing at attention. And they know every word that we say and everything that we do. And here is the Scriptural proof of it. Said, “Did not He tell you these things while He was yet in Galilee?” Said, “Remember that He told you these things.”

16 That word *remember*, that’s a marvelous word. And, oh, what a sad thing that’s going to be for the lost: that after they have sealed their doom, and after they have heard their last sermon, and to be over in a devil’s hell, lost, and no chance at all to repent, to remember the opportunities they’ve turned down.

LUKE16:22,25

17 You say unto me then, “Preacher, is there remembrance in hell?” Jesus said there was. He said the rich man that lifted up his eyes in hell and saw Abraham, and Lazarus in his bosom, and he said, “Remember in your lifetime. . . .” There is a remembrance. And how the lost, what an awful thing that would be to know that the great meetings that they had sat in, and had heard the mighty sermons of the anointed ministers of God—and not only that, but to see the anointed signs and wonders that God had performed among the people—and then to remember all these warnings and yet be lost. Why, it would haunt them forever.

1PET3:19

18 After the death of Jesus, the Bible tells us, that He went and preached to the souls that were in prison that repented not in the long-suffering of the days of Noah, and to bring to their remembrance that Noah and Enoch and the great prophets of their days witnessed that there was coming a Messiah, and they rejected the message.

19 Oh, it will be a terrible thing, my lost friends, for you in that day, to remember. When you die here your works follow you. And they will either haunt you through eternity, or bless you through eternity.

20 But remember, what a great thing it must be, and a joy, for those who are saved, and can bring to face the facts (these angels who are in the building tonight), to bring to remembrance the great meetings and the great times and the great joy that we’ve had together. What a time it must be ahead for both groups—both saved and unsaved.

1PET3:9

21 God is a good God. He is so long-suffering. He’s so full of gentleness and meekness and patience. He’s not willing that any should perish. And He’s done everything that can be done to keep men from perishing; but they will perish anyhow, because they believe not.

22 Now we take up our study tonight to see two men after the resurrection. And many had come and told of an empty tomb, had said that His body was not there. And some women had said that they had seen a vision of angels, which told them that He had risen from the dead. And yet with all this message, yet these people did not believe—and was discouraged, going back home.

LUKE24:16

23 And to think on the first Easter, the first beautiful, spring Easter morning, Jesus alive among the people; and these going along discouraged, walking along the road with saddened hearts, and was disturbed about the crucifixion. And as they walked, we find out that there was Somebody who stepped out by the roadside and begin to walk with them. And they didn’t know who He was, because the Scripture says that their eyes had been holden.

24 Oh, here’s where I want you to see. Not only was this something that happened, but it was a prophecy, and a shadow of something that was going to happen. You know, our blessed Lord never did anything just to be gadding about.

Everything He did had a meaning. Everything that He did was eternally. It never dies—every move, every motion, every word. Oh, I'm so glad of that! You can just lay on to it with all that's in you, and it will be made manifest.

LUKE24:17

25 And as they walked along the road, a strange man walked out. And He said unto them, "Why are you so sad?" They should be happy. Said, "Why are you so sad, and what is this conversation that you're speaking of?"

MATT26:67,68 LUKE22:64 LUKE24:18-21

26 And He said . . . they said back to Him, "Are you a stranger around Jerusalem, don't you know the things that's been going on? We had a prophet by the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And we hoped in Him that He would be the deliverer. But this is the third day, and our people crucified Him." And they begin to tell the story of what had taken place: how He'd been dead, how they'd expected Him to be the great deliverer, but how that prophet of the most high God could stand there in pity, with spit on His face, and let a soldier put a rag around His head and blind His eyes and hit Him on the head with a stick and say, "Now prophecy, you prophesier, and tell us who hit you. We will believe you." That was more than the people could understand. They were thinking that the Messiah would be something different from that.

27 And if that isn't a true picture today! People are expecting the kingdom of God to be different than what it really is. They're expecting it to come in splendor. They're expecting it to be . . . arrive in the Vatican City, or some great cathedral. But because He brings it amongst a bunch of poor, illiterate, humble-hearted people, it blinds the eyes of the wise and prudent.

MATT27:40,42 MARK15:30,32

28 Oh, what a mockery for that woman (to take and mock), washing His feet with her hair, as the true believer had did. What a mockery to see Him hanging there on the cross, with His hands tacked to the cross. And to hear the high priest, said, "Now, if you are the Son of God, perform a miracle here. Just pull your hands loose and come down off the cross, and we will believe you."

JOHN8:29

29 Now in the natural man's mind, the carnal man, the church man, the make-believer . . . because every congregation holds three different types of people. That is: the true believer, and the make-believer, and the unbeliever. Every congregation has them. And to think that this man who had opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped the ears of the deaf, and had raised the man from the dead that had been dead four days, and could make such statements as He did; and then would hang there with spit on His face, and let a high priest rail upon Him and tell Him such things, and He never opened His mouth and said a word back in debate. For He said, "I do that which always pleases God." And it was pleasing to God to have that to happen.

30 Now we watch Him for a few minutes. Now, these disciples, they couldn't understand why this must be done. So as they went along, and begin to pour out the story, then Jesus stopped them. You see, He appeared to them when they were talking about *Him*. And that's the reason He doesn't appear to too many of the church people today—they don't talk about Him enough. The church is always talking about some big doings they got going on: some big social party, or some picnic they're going to, or some new something that they're going to do, some of the societies. The church is so burdened with societies till it hasn't got any room for Christ. The real church is always unladen with all these societies and turns everything to a prayer meeting—those who know Him, and love Him. And here He was.

31 They were talking about Him when He appeared. If we would quit talking about our neighbors, and quit talking about the hypocrites in the church, and talk more about Jesus, we'd have more appearing of Jesus. Talking about the faults of the preacher, talking about the faults of something else . . . and just talk about Jesus. There'd be more things happen.

32 Now, and when they were talking, He appeared. And then notice, when He appears, He don't begin to take sides with you. "Oh, that's right, this one ought to be put out; and this ought to have a new pastor." Or "This neighbor done you wrong." See, as soon as He appeared, He begin to preach the Word! A real servant of God always goes to the Word.

LUKE24:25

33 He said, "O foolish, and slow of heart to believe all the prophets have said about Christ!" See how He brought it in, "Are you so slow and foolish that you did not believe what the prophets said?"

34 What if He would appear tonight? I'd just like to ask this: "What would He do at the Branham Tabernacle tonight? Are you so slow at heart? What would He do in Jeffersonville tonight where the Gospel has been preached for twenty-five years?" Signs and wonders, miracles, and undoubted things, things that's never been done since Jesus left the earth, is performed daily. The sick are healed, the signs and wonders performed, great prophecies made that never failed, the

Gospel being preached without compromising. And still the barrooms and the honky-tonks is loaded tonight in Jeffersonville.

35 Oh, how can we escape the wrath of God? I've said this many times and I say it yet tonight: If God would let us go without punishment, He'd be an unjust God. He'd have to raise up Sodom and Gomorrah and apologize to them for sinking them for the same thing that we're doing daily and getting worse. Although they were a bunch of heathen people, but we're supposed to be a Christian nation.

LUKE24:25

36 And as He talked to them, and begin to explain to them the Scriptures; and not was He only just patting them on the back and giving them some little baby doctrine, but He was rebuking them! And said, "You're foolish and slow at heart! Why did you doubt what the prophets said?"

LUKE24:16,26

37 You see where He went? Straight to the Scriptures. And they begin to watch and listen. He said, "Ought not Christ to have rose the third day and entered into His glory?" And as He went along all day long talking, yet they did not know Him, because their eyes were holden. They would been closed, and they could not see Him or understand Him.

LUKE24:28

38 Now here's where I want to get to, what I want you to see. That was the first message after the resurrection. And as He walked with them through that entire day, they did not know Him! Yet He was with them, but He Himself had their eyes closed. But when it got towards the setting of the sun, and Jesus made as if He would pass them by.

39 If that isn't just exactly what He's done again in these last days, at the setting of the sun? Did you notice what He give the church then through the day? Just preaching the Word. He never performed one sign or wonder. He never said anything but just preach the Word about the resurrection of what the prophets said. That's what He's done since the days of His going away until this last day.

40 But now, oh bless His name, the sun is setting! And He made as if He would not stop. Oh, I can think of Fanny Crosby when she cried, "Pass me not, O gentle Saviour."

LUKE24:29

41 And these disciples said, "Come and abide. Stay with us through the darkness, for it's getting late." And He made out like He was going on, but they constrained Him. In other words, they begged Him.

EZEK9:4

42 Oh, if we had more begging type of people. Sister, brother, do you know the Bible said just for the Holy Ghost to mark those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city?

43 Now I want to ask you a question. We make so much emotion over our religious ideas, but who is it in the city tonight in Jeffersonville that's so concerned about the lost world in this last day, that even spends thirty minutes a night praying for the sins of the city? But according to the Scriptures, the angel of God was only to seal those who sighed and cried for the abominations.

44 We're not interested no more. We just want to know that we can have a good time. We want to know that we can have a little society in our church. We want to know that we've got a vote coming when it comes time to elect the next pastor. We want our church to look a little better than the next fellow's church. That's the idea of this world today.

45 No one begging, "O Lord God, come to me quickly or I will perish! Oh, pass me not, O Saviour! You was omnipotent, You who are omnipresent, come and dwell in my heart, O Lord."

46 It's even hard to get a man or woman to raise their hands to accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour. The old-fashioned mourners' bench has been taken out. There is no more weeping. There is no more crying at the altar.

47 Just think when Charles G. Finney—just a Gospel preacher, a little converted lawyer, a little-bitty dried-up-looking fellow—was testing his acoustics in a building, and he said, "Repent or perish!"; and a man sitting in the cupola fainted and fell out.

48 He stood on the balcony of a building in New England and preached hell to the lost. And when he screamed out, "You'll perish if you don't repent!" men fainted and women fell in the streets.

49 But today you can preach repentance, and hell-fire and brimstone, and people will laugh at it! What's the matter? Our hearts are cold. We are indifferent. We've got too much. We need less of the world and more of God! Our hearts are too cold.

50 We've become interested in some emotion. We've become interested if we can dance, if we can shout (I believe in it), if we can speak with tongues (I believe in it). I believe in every bit of that. But if we have that and don't have that agonizing, weeping, broke-up spirit, God can never use it. Them things are good, but we got to have the other to go with it. We've left off the main thing and gone for secondary. And you can never major on a minor. We know that.

51 Even in our own meetings, our own meetings have got too much to the place it's too much on divine healing, instead of healing of the soul. Brother, what we need today is a revival, a breaking up, souls on fire for God! What I mean, "on fire," is down at the altar, with tears running down their cheeks. Not for five minutes and get up and forget it, but out trying to win the lost back to Christ again, a burden on their heart.

52 "God, take all the pleasures of the world and all of its frenzy, all of its products; and put a burden on my heart for the lost," would be my prayer.

53 They constrained Him. "O Lord, we don't know who you are, Sir, but we love your preaching. Come in and stay with us through the night." And Jesus went in—walking with them and they didn't know Him. And when He once got in... Maybe a little hut, but it's nothing too humble for Him.

You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I'm an old man." I don't care how old you are.

"I'm just a child." That doesn't matter, how young you are.

54 "I'm too poor. I've got on overalls." Oh, if you had a grass sack wrapped around you, it wouldn't make no difference to God! Just ask Him. You are great in the sight of God. You may not be much in the front of men, but you're great in the sight of God. You're one of His subjects.

LUKE24:49

"Come in and abide with us."

"Oh, I couldn't ask Him to come in me. I've been a drunkard, I've been a gambler."

55 I don't care what you are! Ask Him, and you'll find out He will come on your invitation. He's never turned one down, and He never will turn one down. He's longing and trying to get into the hearts.

56 You say, "I've been a street harlot." I don't care what you've been. God is trying to work His way into your heart. Just say, "Come in, Lord, and abide with me."

57 And notice, all through the day He'd been bringing the Word, but no signs. When He got them inside and shut the door, and sat down; oh, brother, that's when He revealed His resurrection! No time from the morning when He met them until the going down of the sun did He do it. He never did one thing that He did in life, only just the Word. But notice, at the evening time—at the evening time!—that's when He proved His resurrection.

ZECH14:6,7

58 Let me say this with humility, let me say this with a broken voice, but a broken heart, too. It's evening time. The Bible said, "It'll be light in the evening time." "There'll be a day that it won't be neither night or day," the prophet said. It'll be just hearing the Word, with no manifestation. Just a gloomy, foggy day. But in the evening time, the light will shine again. It'll be light.

59 And in this evening time that we're now living, where Christ through His ministers has preached the Gospel for two thousand years, but this is the evening light. The evening lights was the manifestation of the resurrection. When they didn't know He had raised from the dead (although they loved Him, they believed Him, but they didn't know He had raised from the dead), they had argued against it. And now here it is in the evening time. He's going to reveal Himself that He is raised from the dead. How did He do it? Not by preaching the Word, He'd already did that: and still they didn't believe.

LUKE24:30,31

60 And two thousand years of preaching the Word, the church still don't believe. But the evening light has come. The manifestation of the resurrection. And He taken them in, and He performed a miracle or did a thing just like He did before His crucifixion. They knew it was Him. Their eyes come open. And He vanished quickly.

LUKE24:32

61 Notice, it was a short message. It wasn't very long. He didn't stay long with them. He just manifested Himself and vanished out of their sight. And their eyes were opened and they knew that that was Him. And they said, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked to us along the road?"

62 And oh, brother, sister, how much has our hearts burned down through the years? I've been a Christian now for about twenty-seven years. No, about twenty-nine years. I've been a preacher for twenty-seven years. And all along when I read His Word, when He talks to me, it's wonderful. My heart burns to hear the Word.

63 But now, the evening lights has come. The sun's a-setting. Civilization is gone. The world's at the end. Now He's appeared and doing something in our midst to reveal Himself as a resurrected Christ. Our eyes can come open. We can see that He is alive forevermore. The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof. And that's the proof of the resurrection.

HEB13:8

64 If Jesus promised (the Bible did) He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, and He does not prove that, then the Scripture is wrong. Down through the years we've had all these Scripture teachings, but this is the day for the manifestation, for the manifestations of the resurrection.

LUKE24:32-34

65 Now what did they do when their eyes were opened? They said, "Did not our hearts burn within us?" and they rushed quickly back to meet the rest of their people. And they didn't go back now, just going down the road and saying, "Well, maybe it could've been something else"; but they were positive. And they rushed to their own company and they said, "Truly the Lord has raised indeed. We know that He has raised." They didn't go to argue their religion. They just went because their eyes had been opened. They had seen Him in His resurrection.

66 What would be a more beautiful thing this night, my friend? What would be a more glorious thing tonight on this Easter day, is to see that same Jesus that raised from the dead come into the midst of this little old humble tabernacle here, that cost us less than three thousand dollars twenty years ago. How would it be in this little humble place, to see Him come here tonight, and do the things that He did before His crucifixion to prove His resurrection? He's never done it until these last days. Now He's doing it because He promised He'd do it. It's evening time. The lights are shining. God's opening the eyes of His children. They with light hearts are rushing back, "Oh, He has raised indeed!"

67 Now there's people in this building tonight that's probably from Virginia and all around over the country. And no matter where you're from, you could go back with a light heart on this Easter day, if Jesus would appear to you like He did to them. Maybe you've walked with Him a long time, maybe you've been a Christian for years, but you have never yet seen His power of His resurrection manifested.

68 Oh, if He will do it tonight, will you receive Him as the risen Lord? Think of it now while we bow our heads just a moment for prayer. How many would like to be remembered in this prayer? Raise up your hand to God. God bless you.

69 Now, Lord God, the people are standing, their limbs are cramping, but, oh, they love You. They have come, Lord, on this resurrection day. They've come maybe from an old empty tomb somewhere, where they preached the empty gospel and said, "Well, the days of miracles is past." That's the way they found the tomb, because He wasn't there. He'd raised from the dead. But Cleopas and his friend has many journeying with them tonight, discussed it, along the road.

70 But, O Lord Jesus, in these evening times, I pray that You'll manifest Your resurrection to this little church tonight. Prove to these who are standing here that You're humble; that no matter how humble it is, You'll come to any place where You're welcome, where You're wanted. And there are many here, Lord, who are needy. Many are sick and many are afflicted. Many are without You, without Christ, without God, and they want help. I pray Father that You'll manifest Yourself tonight to this little tabernacle once more.

71 O Lord God, Thou hast been good to Your servant. Many years ago today, in a little old crude-looking log cabin, when my young mother back there, about fifteen years old, opened up the window of an early morning . . . and I gave my first little scream. O Lord God, I thank You for every year. I'm ashamed of the many things that I've done that's wrong. I pray You forgive me. And the one regret I have, Lord, that I didn't serve You when I was a little baby boy. Help me, Lord.

72 O Lord, if I have found grace in Thy sight, strengthen this feeble body, renew my strength, renew my youthful strength as You do the eagles. And put my head high, Lord, and my heart low, that I might walk, Lord, yet, and manifest Your love to the people. Give unto me deeper love, more consecration, a deeper, fuller life that I might serve You.

73 Lord, manifest Your power tonight among the people by healing the sick and the afflicted, giving witness to Your resurrection, and we will give Thee praise. In the name of the Lord Jesus we ask it. Amen.

74 I like that, Sister Gerty. How many knows "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"? Let's kind of hum it together now just once. How many loves them old-fashioned songs? Oh, you can take all your little old chopped-up Elvis Presley,

boogie-woogie. In the name of Christianity, you can have it. Give me those old-fashioned, heart-stirring love songs of the Gospel.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of Thee,
Heaven and earth are praising Thee,
O Lord, Most High.

75 Doesn't that do something to you? Just worship now, just together while we sing that again now. Just worship now to God. Just kind of close yourself off and worship now as we sing.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of Thee,
Heaven and earth are praising Thee,
O Lord, Most High.

REV21:4

76 Lord God Most High, You put the sun in its orbit, You put the moon, the stars, You measured the earth in the palm of Your hand and blew off the stars—You're God. You raised up Jesus from the dead nineteen hundred years ago and showed Him alive to give us that blessed assurance that we wait now for the coming of Him who will sit on the throne of David and will rule the earth in peace and righteousness. We will study war no more. There'll be no more hungering nor sorrow. There'll be no more sadness, no more death. The former things will pass away; and, O God, it's so close at hand.

77 Strengthen the hearts of Your children. Give us tonight our desires. Not for ourselves, Lord, but that we might have a testimony fresh in our heart of His resurrection. I humble my heart and ask Thee to help me. And the audience humbles their heart and asks for You to help them, that together we might see the risen Lord.

78 Come into our midst, Lord. Sanctify this church. I call for mercies of God. Lord, don't judge us. We don't ask for judgment; we ask for mercy. Give us mercy, O eternal God, and manifest Your love and presence with us, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

79 Oh, I just feel more like worshipping. My heart just filled up. What an assurance—Jesus has raised from the dead. It's not a story like Santa Claus. If I'm saying something wrong before your children, you forgive me. I don't mean to, but I believe in telling children the truth. I want to know the truth. When they told me about Jesus, if He hasn't raised from the dead, then it's a mystic story. If He isn't the same yesterday, today, and forever, then it's a mystic story.

80 Then He might be dead, if He doesn't prove Himself to be a risen God. But I'm so glad to know that He has raised from the dead and He lives now. He's here. These sacred sands as I talked of this morning, no one can ever move that from your heart. May God open your eyes tonight, pilgrim, and let you know that His Son has raised from the dead and is here to manifest Himself.

81 Now, I asked Billy how many was to be prayed for. He didn't know. How many here wants prayer—sick bodies? Raise your hands all over the building, every where in the building, that wants it. It'd be too much, see, over . . . it's two-thirds of the audience. It would be too much to try to bring a prayer line through. We couldn't do it. I told him to give out cards and we'd try to line them up and bring them through as many as could, and I guess. . . . Did you give a hundred, a hundred? All right. Yes, he's give a hundred cards, and the building don't seat over about 250, I guess, or something like that.

82 So, probably many here. . . . How many doesn't have a prayer card and you want God to heal you? Raise your hand, everywhere in the building now, that doesn't have a prayer card. Nearly half of them. All right. Now there's only one legitimate way that we can do.

83 There's something on my mind, there's something in my heart. I can't say it until I know what I'm speaking of. I'm praying. I'm holding to God. I'm going back to the backside of the desert. I've got to meet God again. There's just something I've got to get on those sands again where I was at a few years ago. I want to talk to Him. I've seen Him in vision twice: I hope I can see Him again before I leave.

84 There's something I found in the Scriptures. I don't know. It's been on my heart, and every time I speak of it something happens. And I'm just . . . I'm on . . . I'm at a place where I don't know what to do. I believe this ministry that I now have is fading away, that something greater is going to take its place.

85 This next week or two I'm going to the sacred sands, if I can, at the backside of the desert to see if I can contact my Lord. I can't rest. I can have no peace till I find Him, till I find what this is all about. I can't understand it. He's never turned me down yet; I don't believe He will this time. I'm begging. I'm praying to Him to help me.

PSA42:7

86 Not that I . . . I don't want it. . . . My, I could come back here and preach and go ahead now, I guess I got enough friends to kind of help take care of me. That isn't it. That isn't the idea. This ministry that I have I could continue on if God would be with me. I could continue on, but my heart's not satisfied. There's some deep calling to the deep. There's something moving, looks like I can put my hands on it; but where's it at, Lord?

87 It's not for me; it's for His people. It's for God's children. I just become a sacrifice. I'm an old man. My days are up, my youthful days are gone. A man forty-nine years old is no kid no more. We know that. One more year and I will be fifty. I'm no boy. I've got children to raise, that's true; but, brother, I've got the work of God to do above everything. I must know what this craving in me is about. I've got to go till I find it. I must find Him somewhere—I must know!

88 And I guess there's some sitting here from about ten or twelve years ago from this tabernacle, when I made that same statement here one time. How many is here remembers that? Just look at the old hands that's left. Something in you, I said, "There's something I can almost touch it. It's at hand." Little did I know as the angel spoke down here at the river before you all and said, "As John was sent as a forerunner of the first coming, you'll send a message around the world." It's happened.

2SAM5:24 1CHR14:15

89 Every nation's got healing services going now around the world, even up into Russia. Yes, sir, everywhere, healing services going on, would've died down. . . . Now there's something greater moving. I'm waiting to hear the sound of the rushing of the mulberry leaves. I'm going on. Pray for me.

90 Now as I'm in this ministry, the manifestation of Jesus Christ's resurrection, if He is alive, He keeps every promise. Who has kept Him alive for these two thousand years? Who's kept that eternal light burning? Now it's evening time, it's manifestation of something that He did like He did before the crucifixion. He manifested Himself to the disciples, they recognized it quickly—that was Him. Now He will do the same.

91 How many has been in other meetings of mine? Let's see your hands all over the building. I guess it's a hundred percent, so I won't have to go through it. You know what to expect. How many is longing and waiting to see Him again tonight, to walk on the scene—Are you?—the resurrected Jesus? God bless you.

92 Now just to show that He's alive. All right, let's just . . . we can't call too many at a time. We can stand maybe four or five at a time or something. All right. Let's begin with the prayer cards, now, begin to raise them up. Let's get number 1. Who has it? Look at your card. Number 1. Oh, I'm sorry. All right, lady. Number 2? number 3? Can you get up, ever who has number 3? Number 4, number 5, number 6. I don't see number 6. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, number 6. All right. Number 7. Number 7, please. Right here's 8. Number 8, number 9. All right, sir. Number 10. Let's see how many we. . . . All right. Let's start right there and then we can . . . see, maybe we can get a few more.

93 How many in the building that doesn't know me, I don't know you, and you want God to heal you? Raise up your hand, all that knows that I don't know you. All right. Just be reverent.

JOHN1:47,48 JOHN5:19

94 Now, our Lord Jesus, when He walked on earth (while they're lining the people up), our Lord Jesus, when He walked on earth, He never claimed to be a healer. How many knows that? He said, "It's My Father that dwelleth in Me." How many knows that He said, "I can do nothing in Myself, but what I see the Father doing: that doeth the Son"? And when He found a man in a . . . a little man, and He declared Himself before the Jewish race, He performed a miracle by telling the man where he was, and what he'd been doing; and they believed Him.

JOHN4:17,18,39

95 And when He declared Himself to the Samaritan race, He told a woman what her secret was; and she believed Him, and the whole race. Is that right? But remember, He never did that to a Gentile. Never in the presence of a Gentile, because. . . .

96 How many knows that this has been the Gentile dispensation? But the evening lights has come now. What kind of a light that shines? What kind of a light that shines when the sun's going down? The same sun that shined in the east when it come up. Do you believe that?

97 Is that the same sun that went across the earth? The same sun that peeked up and showed a light back here and it was dark through the day, just a misty day. And then just before the sun went down, it shined again, and it has to be the same

light that shined back there. If it shined on the Samaritan and on the Jew back there, and not on the Gentile, then He's got to shine the same light on the Gentile in order to be the same yesterday, today, and forever. Is that right? Now do you believe?

Now, Sister Gerty, real quietly, just for a moment.

98 Now, in this prayer line there's many of you I guess I don't know. How many of you in there that I don't know what's wrong with you or nothing about you, you know it? Raise up your hands. You that's in the prayer line that knows that I don't know nothing about you. How many of the audience knows that I don't know nothing about you? I don't care whether you're around here, but I know nothing about you. All right, just believe.

MARK5:27,30 LUKE8:44,45

99 Now, our Lord was going one time to raise a little dead girl; and a woman touched His garment. And He turned and said, "Who touched me?" And everybody kept still. They denied of touching Him.

MARK5:31 LUKE8:45

100 But He looked around and some of them rebuked Him (Peter) and said, "Lord, how can You say, 'Who touched You?' and the whole multitude's touching You?"

LUKE8:46

He said, "But virtue has went from Me." That's strength.

MATT9:22 MARK5:32,34 LUKE8:48

101 And He looked around until He found who the... How did He know who the woman was? It was her own faith, because He said so: "Thy faith has saved thee. Your blood issue which you've had is finished. Your faith has made you well." That's Jesus Christ today, that was yesterday. If He could do the same thing today, then He proves Himself the same.

102 It seems like I ought to know this woman here. Are you the first person? Are you the... I might know you. I don't know. Your face looks familiar. I don't know. But whatever it is, just stand up and come here a minute. I want to say, if I do know you... I might not. I don't know your name, but seems like I've seen you. And I perhaps have, but I don't know what you're here for. I have no idea what you're here for. And I don't know that I know you, but it just... you look familiar, your face. Would I know you? I wouldn't know you. All right, then, you are a stranger. Her face looked familiar to me. I just didn't know. I wanted to be sure.

103 Now everybody is aware, if you got any spirituality about you at all, that something is going on right now. Oh, can't you, can't you just... You're not supposed to feel it, but you do feel it. I know that that angel of God is right here at this desk.

LUKE24:4,6

104 You see that picture there of that light? That light is right here now. You say, "I don't see it." Neither did they see those angels who told them, "He told you this in Galilee." They were there.

105 And He's here. He is Christ, the risen One. How many knows that Christ is in the form of a light today? Sure. The Bible said He is.

106 Now you be real reverent now, and don't move around, wherever you are—just pray. Now if we are strange to each other; and the Lord God, if He... If you're sick, if I could heal you, I'd do it; but I couldn't, I can't do it, because it's already done. Jesus did it when He died at Calvary—rose, He proved it.

JOHN5:19

107 And now, if He will reveal to me what you're here for... Now if He was standing here with this suit on, He might know who you was. He would know if God revealed it to Him. He said, "I do nothing until the Father shows Me what to do." And if He was here, and He would reveal to you maybe who you are, where you come from, what your name is, what you did before you come to the service, and what you got on your heart or something like that...

108 But for healing, it's a finished work. It's already finished. Now, if He will do the same thing, will you believe that you'll get what you are asking for? Will the audience raise your hand to God that you'll believe it too if He will reveal to this woman? Let her be the judge.

109 Now if anybody wants to come take this place, you're welcome. Now here's where I'm going to be found a liar and God's Word untrue, or I'm telling the truth and His Word is real. Now there can't be any getting around this. This shows it. This does it.

- 110 Now if the woman's sick and I lay my hands on her and say, "You're going to get well, sister," she's only got my word for that. But if the Holy Spirit reveals something that's been in her life in the back, she knows whether that's the truth or not. Something that *has* been. If He knows what *has* been, He certainly knows what *will* be. Don't you believe that? May He grant it to you, my sister.
- 111 Then the audience has all said they'd believe. You and I, strangers together and just meeting here for this time, you standing there with something wrong. I don't what it is. I do not know. For I don't know you, and how would I know what you were ... what was wrong with you? But God does know what's wrong with you.
- 112 Now, you just be real reverent. Now the lady is not here for herself to begin with. You're here for somebody else. That's a little one. And it's having trouble with a ... it's real nervous. It's a grandson, I believe, of yours. And there's something strange. I see that baby in a city that's not this city. It's just like New Albany. That's right. And it's got a nervous condition. It's got something wrong with it's liver, so they say. Has a lot of vomiting. That's right. You've been disturbed about it, and you're standing for that one. That's "Thus saith the Lord." You be the judge. Are those things true? I don't know what I told you. The tape knows. It'll tell me.
- 113 Now it was for somebody else, some way. Put that handkerchief on the somebody else, that you had in your hand while that anointing was on you; and don't doubt, and you'll have what you ask for. If He knows what was, He knows what will be. Don't doubt. Go believing Him.
- 114 How do you do, sir? I suppose that we are strangers to each other. We are strangers. Said he never saw me before in life until this morning. Now everyone real reverent now. The anointing's already striking now, you see. I wish I could explain this. But God does know you, sir. And if the Lord God will reveal to me what your trouble, will you accept Him as your healer or Saviour or whatever you need of Him? Now when the vision strikes, you just listen to it.
- 115 You are trying to move across the floor, and it's something in your knees. It's arthritis in your knees. You have trouble also with your eyes. They're getting weaker. And you got trouble with your ears, and you got trouble in your stomach. That is true. You're not from this city. You're from Somerset, Kentucky. Your name is Mr. Hudson. Now you go back, believe with all your heart, and you shall be healed. Believe with all your heart.
- 116 Do you believe with all your heart, everybody? Have faith in God. Don't doubt, but just believe. The Lord God does know you, sister. Do you believe He could reveal to me what you're here for? If He will do it, will you accept it?
- 117 This big fellow sitting here. Yes. I believe we're strangers to each other, sir. But just a few moments ago when I was speaking to that man, something happened to you. You said in your heart, "I believe that." That's true isn't it? If the Lord God will reveal to me what you want to be healed of, will you accept it? You've got some kind of a coughing that bothers you. If that's right, raise up your hand. All right, if you'll believe it, you'll never have it no more. It'll go away from you. Amen.
- JOHN15:5
- 118 What did he touch? What did he do? He touched the High Priest, not me. I've never seen the man. I don't know nothing about him. Are you believing that the resurrected Jesus...? Isn't this the very same thing He did after His resurrection to prove that He was the same One? Some says, "What kind of a spirit is that?" A spirit will always bear record of itself. We are the branches, He's the vine. A pumpkin vine'll bear pumpkins. A grape vine'll bear grapes. A apple tree'll bear apples. A Christian life will bear Christ. It is no strange thing.
- 119 Your eyes are going bad, and you want prayer for your eyes. That's right, isn't it? If that's right, raise up your hand. I don't know you, but God does. But your life, you couldn't ... here I see something else. A hospital. Now just a moment. It's not an eye examination, it's an operation. It's not you. It's a friend of yours that's had an operation. And that something ... a rupture operation and you're scared about it because you know it was something different from a rupture. That's right. That's in Corydon, Indiana. That's true. Do you believe now with all your heart? Go and receive what you've asked for in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 120 I know your face. If I'm not mis... 'course this isn't anointing, see. But the best I remember, aren't you a preacher? See. I just wanted to know so that the congregation would see. It's nothing ... it's just something when I know anyone ... I know. ... But I don't know what you're here about. I have no idea. If that's right, raise up your hand. Now I know not what you are here for. But I know you're a preacher from out around Jackson's Mill or somewhere out there, because you've come to my house one time, I believe, to pray for a baby or something. Yes. I know it was something about a baby, yes.

121 But you're suffering with some kind of a trouble in your bowels. Let me tell you, then you'll know whether I be God's servant or not. You got somebody on your heart to pray for and that's a crippled girl. She's not here, she's across the river. She's in Kentucky. Now believe with all your heart, you can have what you ask for.

Do you believe? If you can believe, you can receive. Don't doubt. What about back in the audience; are you believing?

122 Way back there, a colored lady sitting just in to the left has a female disorder, sitting in this to the left. If you believe with all your heart, lady, you can have your healing. Do you believe it? That's right, the colored lady sitting by the post, by the side of a man. She's got her hand up now. You have a female disorder. All right, the Lord God has healed you, sister. Your faith made you well. Can't you see that light hanging over that woman there? Look at that.

MARK9:23

123 Oh, how wonderful! The Lord God never fails. Be reverent. Oh, I'm so glad He lives, lives in our heart. If thou canst believe, all things are possible.

124 I suppose that we're strangers to each other. I don't know you. I've never seen you. But God does know you. If I've ever seen you, I didn't know it. But if the Lord will reveal to me what you're standing here for, will you believe me to be His servant, believe that He has raised from the dead? If we're strangers, there'd have to be some kind of power reveal it to me what you're here for. You're here on account of varicose veins that you're praying for. That's right. Now pray for somebody else and find out if I be the servant of God. Just pray for somebody else to see if He can reveal it. Do you believe it?

125 Well, she's nervous and she's got a kidney trouble and she lives in Corydon. That's right, isn't it? Now do you believe? Now go on and receive just as you asked.

126 I ask you, I challenge your faith to believe it. Anywhere in the building, no matter where you are, just believe it. All the way at the back.

127 The young man standing back there praying for his friend in Fort Wayne that's blind. Do you believe God will heal him? All right, then you can have it. Some of the rest of you back there, believe. Way back, way back. Believe! Challenge, challenge it! God be merciful.

128 The colored lady sitting right down below me there with a tumor. You believe the Lord will heal you, lady, right on the back seat, way back seat back there? The little round hat on, raising her hand up. Do you believe God will heal you of that tumor? If you do, raise up your hand and wave it to Him. All right, then go home and get well.

129 Oh, He's marvelous! Here's a lady sitting right up front over here, sitting on the inside, just a little bit back. She's praying for somebody else. There's the Angel of the Lord standing by her, and that friend of hers that she's praying for doesn't live here. It's in a little city, where there's a lot of pine trees around. That's Henryville, Indiana. And she's praying for her sister-in-law that has heart trouble. Can you believe it? If you can believe it, sitting back there, have faith in God and receive it. All right.

130 All right, lady. You're a stranger to me, I don't know you. But God does know you. If you believe it, raise up your hand, lady, the lady with the glasses on there. All right. That's it. What do you think? The Lord our God, He is God. He is not dead. He is not dead; but He's alive! Not only is He alive, but He's present.

131 Are we strangers to each other, I suppose? This is our first time meeting, I suppose. But God knows us both. What you so scared about? You quit thinking about them smells and perfumes and so forth. Get away from it. Just believe God. You just got it in your mind. You go back home and be well if you believe it.

132 You've had some trouble. I see you come in and go out of the hospital. One, two, three times—operations. And that's been for the colon. It's tumors-like in the colon. And you're not from this city. You're a Kentuckian. And you're from a city that I've been in. Campbellsville. Mrs. Vaughn, you return back and believe. You can have what you ask for. Do you believe with all your hearts?

133 Do you want to go eat your supper and be over this stomach trouble? All right, go ahead. Just have faith in God.

134 Do you want to get over that arthritis and be made well? Go on your road. See? You believe God will heal that heart trouble? Go on your road.

135 This man sitting right back here at the end with a white shirt . . . no, that's Brother Funk. It's just behind him. You want the baptism of the Holy Ghost, don't you? All right, if you'll believe it, you can receive it. Amen.

- 136 What do you think, the little lady sitting here with arthritis? Looking at me in the face, you from Middletown, Ohio. You want to believe it? That's good faith for a person that's not even a Christian. You don't profess to be a Christian. That's right. You accept Him now as your Saviour? You believe Him and will accept Him as your Saviour, the risen Lord? I don't know you. I've never seen you. That's right. But if you'll accept Him as your risen Lord right now in your heart, your sins are forgiven and God will heal you. Raise your hand to Him and believe Him. All right. Go on your road and rejoice. I challenge your faith. I challenge you to believe it.
- 137 We are strangers to each other, but God knows you. You know me, but I don't know you, is that it? Do you believe that God can reveal to me what you're here for? All right. How many will believe it? Oh, how can you disbelieve? Can't God . . . has God ever opened your eyes?
- 138 A lot of you people here know me. I was raised up with you here. How could I . . . ? Go back down through my life and find out if ever anything was ever said but what's perfectly come to pass to be the truth. Search it and see if it's right. Well what am I telling you? Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. He's alive, He's here. This is Easter and it's been Easter for two thousand years. The evening lights are shining now. It shined in the east then, it's shining out of the west now.
- 139 Sir, this could go on for hours. If the man says that I don't know him, he's seen me probably in the meetings somewhere or some place. I don't know. God does. I don't. I don't know where I've ever seen him. Don't know if I've ever seen him; but he said he'd seen me. If God will reveal to that man something that he knows (just like Philip went and got Nathanael and brought him), how many will say, "It will settle it forever for me"? Would you hold your hand that I don't know you, just raise up your hands if I don't know you, I know nothing about you? I don't know nothing about you, never seen you in my life as far as I know. Now, if God will grant this, how many will say, "I'll accept Him right now as the risen Lord, as my healer"?
- 140 To heal you, I couldn't, sir. I have no power to heal. Only thing I have is a gift that God permits me to do. And now, being tired and weak. These visions almost kill me. It's worse. . . . It's more harder than preaching or standing in the pool. It's hard. But God is good.
- 141 You are suffering with something wrong of the spine, and that's a growth, they tell you, on your spine. That's exactly right. Now will you believe? Now look, more I would talk to the man, more would be said. I want to ask you now. Just be reverent, be reverent.
- 142 You pray for somebody and see if the Lord will reveal it. I'll ask any of you to do the same thing. Just get on your mind. . . . Why, see, there's nothing in me. I couldn't help you. I'm a man and. . . . But Jesus is God, and He's present. Can't you . . . isn't your eyes opened to see the . . . aren't you looking apast the curtain to see for two thousand years where He's been? He's talked to you in the Word, He's talked to you in your sermons all along, and here He is now making Himself manifested.
- 143 I'm trying to hold you on my heart. Yes, I see you were examined. It's on your spine. It's a growth, and you're praying for your wife. If God will show me what's wrong with your wife, will you believe me as His prophet? It's her ears. Not only that, but I see a young man up here. That's your son. If God will reveal to me what's the matter with your son, will you believe me to be His prophet? Will the audience believe it? The boy here . . . it's a nervous condition and a skin condition. That's exactly right. That's "Thus saith the Lord." Do you believe you receive what you ask for? Then go on your road and rejoice. How many believes with all your heart?
- 144 Now, I want you to do something for me. Lay your hands over on one another just for a minute. Just wherever you're standing, lay your hands on one another. What a time! Can't you see, friends, can't you understand that this can't be me?
- 145 Yes. The little lady who's there with the glasses on with that female trouble, that discharge. Don't worry about it any more sitting there. It's over. It turned light, it's gone from you.
- 146 Something is present—something that's supernatural, Something that's real. He knows your sins. He knows all about you. Isn't He the Lord Jesus? Then I'm telling you, if I've told you that to be the truth and He's proved it to be the truth, I'm telling you the truth now. Every one of you can be healed right now if you'll just accept Him. Not from your head, but from your heart. If you'll settle it now that you're in the presence of the omnipotent God, that He's present now, there's no need for a feeble person to go out of this building. Every one of us can go out perfectly whole if you'll just believe it. If He hears my prayer here, He'll hear my prayer out there. He'll not only hear my prayer, He'll hear your prayer.

- 147 Now, the Bible said He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. He's proved that. The Bible said He's raised from the dead. He's proved that. Is that right? Now, I want to ask you something. Jesus said this, His last words before He left the earth: "These signs shall follow them that believe." How many believers in here? Say, "Amen." You are the believer now. "These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." Is that promise true? Well, you're the believers, you've got your hands on one another. Then the Bible is right.
- 148 Now, each one of you pray for one another just the way you do in your own church. Lay your hands on one another. Each one pray for one another as you lay your hands on one another now. Just pray for one another while I pray.
- 149 O Lord, if Thou dost come tonight and received Your church, we're without an excuse. You are here. And as this picture hangs on the wall of the Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel. . . . You're still the same God tonight with the same power and the same demonstrations. You've raised from the dead and this is the proof that You've raised from the dead.
- 150 Now, Lord God, do a great work in the hearts of the people. Forgive every sin and heal every sickness. Answer their prayers, Lord. And now hear the prayer of Your servant. I now condemn every disease, every demon, every power of the devil; and say to the devil, "Get out of this people, come out of them in the name of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Leave this people! They've got their hands on one another. They're servants of God. Come out, Satan, I adjure you in the name of Jesus. Come out!—and be thou cast out into darkness and bother them no more. In the name of Jesus Christ."
- 151 How many of you believes God healed you just now? Stand up on your feet. If you're crippled, stand up anyhow. That's it. Did I not tell you you shall see the glory of God? If there's any cripples in here that could not walk, walk up and down the aisles. If there's anyone here that was deaf in one ear, put your finger in the good ear and hear out of the bad one. Anybody here that was afflicted, couldn't raise up their hand, raise it up. Christ. . . . Look at the hands going up that was afflicted in their hands. Amen. I said, He's here!

All right, Sister Gerty.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
 He walks with me and talks with me
 Along life's narrow way.
 He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
 You ask me how I know He lives?
 He lives within my heart.

Again, everybody.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
 He walks with me and talks with me
 Along life's narrow way.
 He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
 You ask me how I know He lives?
 He lives within my heart.

- 152 Let this great audience say, "Hallelujah!" [Hallelujah!] "The Lord lives!" [The Lord lives!] "Praise His name!" [Praise His name!] "Hallelujah!" [Hallelujah!]

He lives, He lives (let's wave our
 hands to Him), Jesus lives today!
 He walks with me, He talks with me
 Along life's narrow way.
 He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
 You ask me how I know He lives?
 He lives within my heart.

- 153 How many love that old song? Say, "Amen." Shake hands with the person next to you. Say, "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord." [Praise the Lord.] Praise the Lord. All right, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." Oh, how wonder. . . .

My faith looks up to Thee,
 Thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Saviour divine!
 Now hear me while I pray,

Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

154 Let us bow our heads now reverently in the presence of the omnipotent and almighty God. May the Lord God grant His blessings to each one. May the Lord bless you each one richly, give to you the best that there is. May His grace rest upon you, every one raising for their healing. Don't never deny it. Many's been saved, many accepted Christ, Christ revealing the secrets of the hearts. We invite you back, strangers, to our tabernacle, to our worship.

155 I sang just a little while so that anointing will kind of leave me for a minute so that I could speak. I'm glad you were here. It's been a great day to be with you. God bless you. To the Tabernacle, next Sunday night is communion and foot-wash. Any of you people in our neighborhood stop to see us. Pray for us until we meet again. Let's bow our heads now. We're going to ask the pastor: Come dismiss us (or say what he wishes).

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