People — Who is involved?
Women disciples who came to anoint His body.
These included Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James.
Two on the road to Emmaus (one was Cleopas)
All the disciples witnessing Jesus risen and ascending to heaven

Places — Where does it happen?
At the tomb where Jesus had been buried.
On the road to Emmaus which was 7 miles from Jerusalem.
Back in Jerusalem for further witness.
Bethany where Jesus ascended to heaven from the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:12).

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?
Vs 2 – Large round stones were rolled to tombs and sealed with straps or clay mortar.
Vs 4 – These were apparently angels in human form (see Matt. 28:2-5).
Vs 5 – Jesus had told them in Galilee he would rise (Mark 8:31; Luke 9:22; Matt 16:21; etc.
Vs 11 – The apostles’ first reactions were the natural ones. While they should have expected him to arise, it was not apparently accepting the notion of a literal bodily resurrection.
Vs 16 – The men on the road did not recognize Jesus.
Vs 20 – Notice the clear accusation that the Jewish religious leaders were behind Jesus’ death.
Vs 32 – Their hearts burning within them means that they were greatly moved by Jesus’ words.
Vs 37 – Theirs was the natural reaction upon seeing One they knew to be dead not alive before them.
Vs 39 – Jesus offered them actual physical evidence of His resurrection (His hands and feet).
Vs 43 – The actual physical evidence extended to His eating fish and honey with them.
   Other evidence included appearances to them in Galilee (John 21); 500 eye-witnesses (1 Cor. 15:6-7); the mountain appearance of the “great commission” (Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18).
Vs 44 – The Law is the Law of Moses or Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament.
   The Prophets included the “former” prophets (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings) and the “latter” prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Twelve “minor” prophets).
   The Psalms is here a general word for the “Writings” (Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song, Ruth, etc.)
Vs 47 – The message here was what Peter preached on Pentecost in Acts 2:38.
Vs 49 – Jesus had promised them that the Holy Spirit would be their “Helper” (John 14:16-18; 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7-13). He refers here to the Spirit’s presence with them beginning in Acts 2.
Vs 50 – Luke alone among the four gospel writers describes the ascension (see also Acts 1:1-11).

Perspectives — What may I learn from this chapter?
1. That Jesus provided ample evidence of His resurrection from the dead at that time.
2. That Jesus instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem to receive Divine power enabling them to take the message of the gospel to the whole world.
3. That Jesus ascended back to heaven in a miraculous manner.