

Luke 24:13-53

After the Cross (Part 2)

Scripture: Luke 24:13-53

Memory Verse: Luke 24:47 “*repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*”

Lesson Focus: This is our last lesson of the gospel of Luke! We will follow the disciples on their journey to Emmaus as they encounter the amazing risen Jesus and close out our study with a challenge to join Jesus in His great commission to BE disciples, MAKE disciples, and SEND disciples.

Activities and Crafts: Road to Emmaus Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3rd – 5th.
Craft for 1st/2nd Grade: He is Risen Indeed!

Starter Activity: Luke Review Quiz

This is our last lesson in the gospel of Luke! Consider getting the lesson started by challenging your kids to remember what they have learned with some TRUE-FALSE statements from our lessons covering the Passion Week of Christ (Luke 19-24). For the one's that are false, consider asking the kids to fix the statement to make it true! *

- 1) Jesus told Zacchaeus that He came to seek and to save the lost. TRUE
- 2) On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered the Jerusalem to shouts of praise on a camel. FALSE
- 3) After Jesus entered the city He started weeping. TRUE *
- 4) Jesus was pleased with the buying and selling in the temple. FALSE
- 5) In the parable of the vinedressers, the vinedressers welcomed the owner's son. FALSE
- 6) Jesus taught that you should give only to God and not pay taxes. FALSE
- 7) Jesus soundly defeated all of the challenges of the Jewish religious leaders. TRUE
- 8) At the Last Supper, Jesus said to take the bread and the cup in order to be saved. FALSE
- 9) Judas betrayed Jesus in exchange for 40 pieces of silver. FALSE
- 10) Peter denied Jesus three times. TRUE
- 11) Jesus was condemned by the religious leaders because of His miracles. FALSE
- 12) The Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, found nothing wrong with Jesus. TRUE
- 13) On the cross, Jesus told both thieves next to Him that they will be in paradise. FALSE
- 14) On the third day after His death, Jesus rose again and appeared to some disciples. TRUE

This last question leads us into our text today. As we saw last week, the tomb was empty and the completely crushed disciples were now beginning to wonder if Jesus actually was alive. Could it be true? Jesus hasn't appeared to all of them yet, but they are beginning to hope. * Let's see what happens next as we finish the gospel of Luke today!

Bible Study:

Luke 24:13-14: Two of His followers were heading toward a village named Emmaus that was a few miles away from Jerusalem.

Q: What were they talking about? A: Jesus's death and the rumors they had heard about His resurrection!

Luke 24:15-16: And as they went along a mysterious stranger joined them.

Q: Who was it? A: The risen Jesus! Yet somehow, they didn't recognize Him. *

Luke 24:17-18: The two disciples can't believe this mysterious stranger is unaware of all that has happened concerning Jesus. Clearly everyone was talking about it. *

Q: How many of you remember COVID? A: Imagine you and a friend talking about COVID and someone coming up to you and asking what COVID is! That's kinda what it was like for these two guys talking to this stranger. But of course, Jesus knew!

Luke 24:19-21: First they report about Jesus's death and how their hopes of Him restoring the nation of Israel were crushed.

Maybe you have had your hopes crushed before and you can relate with them a little bit. But in this case, God had a much better plan in place that they hadn't understood yet! *

Luke 24:22-24: Now the reports about Jesus being alive come out but you can tell that they are not sure what to believe about them. Isn't it a little funny that they are telling this all to Jesus who is right there with them?

Luke 24:25-26: Jesus then has some "choice words" for them. Not only did the Scriptures foretell all that happened, but Jesus Himself told them what was going to happen many times before His death. *

Q: Have you ever been frustrated with someone not listening to you after repeatedly telling them? *

Luke 24:27-29: Imagine a road-trip this Summer with Jesus in the car with you * explaining how all of the Bible points to Him! They arrive but still don't know it is Jesus!

Luke 24:30-31: WHOA! As they started eating a meal with Jesus they immediately recognized Him. Was it the nail marks in His hands as He was preparing the food? We don't know. But then at the same time He seemed to sort of just....vanish! * We'll talk more about this a little later.

Luke 24:32-35: They headed back to Jerusalem without delay to tell the rest of the disciples * what had happened. How silly they must have felt having Jesus with them the whole time, but can't you imagine how excited they were too?

Luke 24:36: And then BOOM! While they were talking and explaining these things to the other disciples Jesus suddenly appears to all of them with His blessing of peace. *

Luke 24:37: But they were freaked! They were still confused about what was going on and thought Jesus might have been a ghost or something. *

Q: How about you? What would your response have been if you were there?

Luke 24:38-40: But Jesus calms them down and invites them to touch Him and inspect His hands and feet. (**Teachers:** Consider going around the room and asking a few kids how you know they are real. Gently poke them as you move from kid to kid)

Q: Why would Jesus show them His hands and feet? A: Because the marks from His crucifixion would prove to them that it was the same person who just died on the cross! *

Luke 24:41-43: The disciples are still both confused and amazed and to further prove Jesus had real flesh and blood He ate some food (ghosts don't eat food!).

Q: Have any of you ever wondered what our resurrection bodies are going to be like in the afterlife? A: The Bible doesn't give us very much detail, but the one thing it does say is that our bodies will be like Jesus's! (**Philippians 3:20**) That means that just like Jesus, we will eat food, we will be able touch and recognize one another, but perhaps also we will be able to appear and vanish just like Him? Exciting to think about!

Luke 24:44-45: Jesus opens their minds to understand how all that had happened was in fulfillment of God's plan as described in the Old Testament Scriptures. *

Q: What does the Old Testament refer to? A: The 39 books of the Bible that came before Jesus walked the earth. * Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, Daniel, etc. are all characters of the OT that testified in different ways to Jesus's coming.

Luke 24:46-49: Jesus now begins to show them how they are going to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the rest of God's salvation plan for the whole world. We will come back to this passage as we close our lesson.

Luke 24:50-51: After these last words Jesus departs from them and goes back to be with God the Father in heaven. And this is where He has been the last 2000 years reigning and ruling until He returns again in glory!

Luke 24:52-53: And thus, the church was born! Here we have the first group of people gathered together praising, worshipping, and helping each other live for Jesus. And 2000 years later that is what we still do today at church's like RMC until He returns.

Key Point: But how'd we get here? Jesus said back in v. 47 that part of God's plan revealed in the Old Testament was that salvation would be preached to all nations.

Q: Who was going to do that? A: It started with these few disciples. But as we begin our next book of the Bible (Acts), we will see how God used them by the power of the Holy Spirit to make disciples, who made disciples, who made disciples....and here we are!

This is the church's mission still today. We are to BE disciples, MAKE disciples, and SEND disciples of Jesus. Let's gladly join Jesus in His mission this week! *

BRING IT HOME

Read Luke 24:39-40
Why did Jesus show them His hands and feet?

Parent Signature:

Parent Challenge:
What is one thing you learned through our study of Luke?

Read Luke 24:51
Where is Jesus's body now?

