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## The Resurrection

### Luke 24:13 – 53

In the last lesson, the disciples, including the women, were sad and confused. Even so, they had hope that Jesus was alive. Review the events of the previous lesson. This text begins “on that same day.” What has given the women hope?

#### **LOOK OVER** the Text

1. Read the first verse of each section to discover the setting. Use that information to write a title for the section.
2. Read Luke 24:13-53.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

24:13 On that same day two of Jesus’ followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 24:14 and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. 24:15 As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; 24:16 they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him.<sup>1</sup> 24:17 Jesus said to them, “What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?”

They stood still, with sad faces. 24:18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn’t know the things that have been

happening there these last few days?”

24:19 “What things?” he asked.

“The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth,” they answered. “This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did. 24:20 Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. 24:21 And we had hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened. 24:22 Some of the women of our group surprised us; they went at dawn to the tomb, 24:23 but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. 24:24 Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

24:25 Then Jesus said to them, “How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! 24:26 Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?”<sup>2</sup> 24:27 And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets.

24:28 As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; 24:29 but they held him back, saying, “Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark.” So he went in to stay with them. 24:30 He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and

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<sup>1</sup> They did not know that it was Jesus.

gave it to them. 24:31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared<sup>3</sup> from their sight. 24:32 They said to each other, “Wasn’t it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”

B. \_\_\_\_\_

24:33 They got up at once and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the others 24:34 and saying, “The Lord is risen indeed!<sup>4</sup> He has appeared to Simon!” 24:35 The two then explained to them what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized the Lord when he broke the bread.

24:36 While the two were telling them this, suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 24:37 They were terrified,<sup>5</sup> thinking that they were seeing a ghost.<sup>6</sup> 24:38 But he said to them, “Why are you alarmed?<sup>7</sup> Why are these doubts<sup>8</sup> coming up in your minds? 24:39 Look at my hands and my feet, and see that it is I myself. Feel me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh<sup>9</sup> and bones, as you can see I have.”

24:40 He said this and showed them his hands and his feet. 24:41 They still could not believe, they were so full of joy and wonder; so he asked them, “Do you have anything to eat?” 24:42 They gave him a piece of cooked fish, 24:43 which he took and

<sup>2</sup> We saw in Luke 9:32 that Jesus’ glory is connected with his death. It is also connected with his resurrection and return to heaven.

<sup>3</sup> He was suddenly gone, and they had no idea how he left. Jesus had a real body, but he could come and go at any time.

<sup>4</sup> “The Lord is risen,” means that Jesus is out of the grave and alive.

<sup>5</sup> They were very afraid.

<sup>6</sup> A ghost is a spirit without a body.

<sup>7</sup> “Alarm” is sudden fear or anxiety.

ate in their presence. 24:44 Then he said to them, “These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true.” 24:45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 24:46 and said to them, “This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, 24:47 and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins<sup>10</sup> must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. 24:48 You are witnesses of these things. 24:49 And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you.”

24:50 Then he led them out of the city as far as Bethany, where he raised his hands and blessed them. 24:51 As he was blessing them, he departed from them and was taken up into heaven. 24:52 They worshiped him and went back into Jerusalem, filled with great joy, 24:53 and spent all their time in the Temple giving thanks to God. GNB

### **LABEL the Text**

3. **Section A:** Work on these observation questions in small groups.
- What were these two men talking about before they met Jesus on the road?
  - What did they talk about with Jesus?
  - What “had they hoped” about Jesus?
  - How did they recognize Jesus?
  - What happened as soon as they recognized Jesus?

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<sup>8</sup> To “doubt” is to question whether something is true.

<sup>9</sup> Flesh is the covering on a body, such as skin and muscles.

4. **Section B:** Fill in the chart with words from the text.

Verses	How did the disciples feel?
Luke 24: 36-39	
Luke 24: 41	
Luke 24: 52-53	

5. How did Jesus prove to the disciples that he was really alive?

**LEARN from the Text**

6. Notice how much the disciple’s feelings changed. What caused the change?

7. God promised to send the Messiah to rescue his people. In this text, how did Jesus prove to the disciples that he was the Messiah?

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<sup>10</sup> Repentance is your part: you are sorry for your sins and you turn back to God. Forgiveness is God’s part: Jesus takes your place, so the record of your sins is erased. You are cleaned, forgiven and given a new life.

8. What instructions does Jesus give to the disciples?

9. How does the *Gospel of Luke* end?

10. For the disciples and the early church, the historical fact of the resurrection was at the center of their faith. If the resurrection account is true,  
...where is Jesus now, dead or alive?

...what is Jesus' true identity?

...what can we conclude about the rest of Jesus' teaching?

### **LINK to Jesus' Words about the Holy Spirit**

Jesus told the disciples that he would never leave them alone. He spoke of God as "the Father," "the Son," and "the Holy Spirit."<sup>11</sup> Here are some of Jesus' words about the Holy Spirit.

John 14:15-17

<p>If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <span style="float: right;">NIV</span></p>
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Note that the Spirit lives WITH the disciples, but after Jesus returns to Heaven, He will be IN them.

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<sup>11</sup> These are from Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19.

John 14:26

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.  
NIV

Right before Jesus returned to heaven, at the very end of Luke, he gave this instruction.

Luke 24:49

And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you. GNB

The Holy Spirit is God's powerful and loving Spirit. He is also called the Spirit of Jesus.<sup>12</sup> This is not a ghost, but the real person of God. A spirit is not a physical person, so the Holy Spirit cannot be seen. However, God chose a way to show himself that we would understand. The Spirit is like a counselor who is always with us, always available to listen and to show us the way. Read Acts 1-2 to learn how this "power from above" came down.

## **LIVE What you Learn**

### **Discuss one of these questions:**

1. What type of evidence would you look for in order to show that the resurrection was an actual, historical event?
2. Does Jesus' resurrection prove that there is life after death? What do you believe about this, and why?<sup>13</sup>
3. *Do you think* the Holy Spirit has spoken to you through these studies in Luke? How has he done that? What have you learned?

### **Consider this:**

The disciples were full of grief and fear. All their hopes were taken away when Jesus died. How could these same people go into the city of Jerusalem again, back to the temple... full of JOY, thanking God? Is it possible that they just decided to pretend that Jesus was alive? Did they have a dream about Jesus? No, Jesus met at different times with Mary, Peter, his own brother

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<sup>12</sup> Acts 16:7

<sup>13</sup> See the Final Word for Jesus' words on this topic.

James, and even a crowd of 500 people.<sup>14</sup> It was not a lie. It was not a dream. Something happened to completely change the lives of the disciples. The power of the resurrection can change your life, as well.

Following Jesus is the beginning of a new life. “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1 Peter 1:3



### The Final Word

“I am the resurrection<sup>15</sup> and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Jesus in John 11: 25-26 NIV

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<sup>14</sup> John 20:14 and 1 Corinthians 15: 5-7.

<sup>15</sup> “Resurrection” means physically coming back to life after death.