

# SHARE THE BIBLE LESSON

## EASTER WEEK 3

### The Son of Man is resurrected

Luke 23:50–24:53



## DAY 1

The empty tomb shows Jesus is alive • Luke 23:50–24:3

### READ

Luke 23:50–24:3

### EXPLAIN

#### The truth of Luke 23:50–24:3

How can a dead man be the Savior of mankind? Just a few days ago, Jesus had entered Jerusalem in triumph! But Thursday night changed everything. In less than 24 hours Jesus was arrested, condemned, crucified, and buried. Hope was dead. But then evidence began trickling in. The disciples did not believe at first, but soon the mountain of evidence revived their hope. Jesus is alive, and from His risen life flow all the blessings of eternal life. The first piece of evidence is the empty tomb. The tomb itself confirmed that Jesus was the promised Messiah, because Isaiah had prophesied that He would die as a criminal but be with a rich man in His death (Isa 53:9). This came true when Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man (Matt 27:57), buried Him on Friday in a tomb most likely built for his own family (Luke 23:50–53). But on Sunday the women found the tomb empty (24:1–3). In addition, the linen cloths showed the body was not stolen, for a grave robber would not have left the cloths intact (24:12). The empty tomb and abandoned cloths point to a risen Lord.

### ASK

1. Who buried Jesus?  
*Joseph of Arimathea.*
2. Was Jesus in the tomb when the women came on Sunday morning?  
*No. There was no body.*
3. How do the linen cloths point to Jesus' resurrection?  
*They were still intact. No grave robber would have unwrapped the dead body before taking it.*

### DISCUSS

1. Describe a time when you were very disappointed, when something you were really looking forward to did not happen. What do you think the disciples felt like when the person they had left everything to follow suddenly died?
2. Jesus rose from the grave on Sunday. How does the church celebrate this each time it gathers (Acts 20:7; Rev 1:10)? Do you rejoice in Christ's risen life when you come to church each Sunday?

## DAY 2

The angels said Jesus is alive • Luke 24:4–12

### READ

Luke 24:4–12

### EXPLAIN

#### The truth of Luke 24:4–12

It's hard to believe. People don't just rise from the dead. But now two angels confirmed that Jesus really did rise again. Angels are terrifying, because they are God's special messengers, coming from God's presence and shining with His glory (Luke 24:4; cf. 1:12; 2:9). They were trustworthy witnesses (Deut 19:15) that Jesus is the living one. As the living one, He is alive forever (Rev 1:18), and death no longer is master over Him (Rom 8:9). The women went and told the men (Luke 24:9–10), which is an interesting detail: women, not men, were the first witnesses to the **resurrection**, to Christ's return from death to life. This is evidence that Luke's account is true. If Luke were making up the story of Christ's resurrection, he would not have made women the primary witnesses, because the testimony of women at that time was not highly valued. So why would Luke present the women as the most faithful (23:49, 55) and the first witnesses? Only because that is what really happened. So we can trust the rest of this story, and know that Jesus is alive.

### ASK

1. Who were the first to say that Jesus had risen?  
*The angels.*
2. Why were the women afraid of the angels?  
*Angels are God's special messengers. They shine with God's glory.*
3. What did the women do next?  
*They told the disciples.*
4. How does the women's testimony show that this story is true?  
*If Luke made up the story, he would not have relied on the testimony of women. Also, the women knew which tomb Jesus was buried in (Luke 23:55).*

### DISCUSS

1. Have you seen a dead animal come back to life? What would it take to convince you that a dead person is alive again? Were the disciples convinced (Luke 24:11)?
2. Do you keep good news to yourself or share it with others? Identify three people you can share the good news of Jesus' resurrection with this week.

## DAY 3

The Old Testament shows Jesus is alive • Luke 24:13–27

### READ

Luke 24:13–27

### EXPLAIN

#### The truth of Luke 24:13–27

Why didn't Jesus just appear right away and prove His resurrection? He wanted to show that Scripture is sufficient and trustworthy (2 Pet 1:19). So He explained to the disciples on the road to Emmaus what the Old Testament said about His death and resurrection. What might Jesus have said? The Old Testament illustrated Jesus' death over and over again through animal sacrifice (Gen 4:3–5; 8:20) that was substitutionary

(Exod 12:5–7) and atoning (Lev 16:6). Scripture looked forward to the cross (Num 21:9; John 3:14–15) and predicted that the Messiah's own people would cause Him to be pierced and cut off (Dan 9:26; Zech 12:10). But Scripture also spoke of ongoing, uncorrupted life that was true of no one else (Ps 16:10). Two passages in particular—Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22—confirm with great detail that He would die (Isa 53:9; Ps 22:15) but also that He would see His offspring, prolong His days, be rescued, and proclaim life forever (Isa 53:10; Ps 22:21, 26). How can death and ongoing life both be true? Only by resurrection.

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**ASK** 

1. Why didn't Jesus just appear to the disciples going to Emmaus?

*He wanted them to see that they could trust Scripture for things that are hard to believe.*

2. How did the Old Testament illustrate Jesus' death?  
*Through animal sacrifice that was substitutionary and atoning.*

3. What did Jesus teach the two disciples on the road to Emmaus?

*He showed them that the Old Testament said the Messiah would die and rise again.*

4. What are two Old Testament passages that talk clearly about Jesus' death and resurrection?  
*Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22.*

**DISCUSS** 

1. Why do you believe what you believe? Is it because of logic, or feelings, or the words of people you trust? What is the most trustworthy source?
2. Read Isaiah 52:13–53:12. What verses point to Jesus' death? What verses point to His resurrection?

**DAY 4**

*Jesus' appearance shows He is alive • Luke 24:28–43*

**READ** 

Luke 24:28–43

**EXPLAIN** **The truth of Luke 24:28–43**

While Scripture is the ultimate authority, Jesus understands human weakness, so He let the two disciples recognize Him with their own eyes (Luke 24:28–35).

Jesus then appeared to multiple disciples at once, proving that He was not a hallucination (24:36–38). He showed them His hands and feet and ate fish, proving that He was not a ghost (24:39–43). At the same time, He again pointed back to God's Word (24:44–46), both the Old Testament and His own predictions of His death and resurrection (9:22; 18:33). As hard as it may be to believe, the evidence agrees: the Old Testament, the physical evidence, and the testimony of angels and eye-witnesses all agree that Jesus rose from the dead. But have you seen Him? Although you do not see Him now (1 Pet 1:8), you can still be certain that He is alive. This is primarily through Scripture (1 John 5:13), but Jesus' presence in you also gives assurance (Gal 2:20). The more you submit by the Spirit to Christ's commands, the more you will experience Jesus' risen life in you (John 15:10; 1 John 3:24).

**ASK** 

1. How did Jesus prove that He had a real body?  
*He showed the marks on His hands and feet, and He ate fish.*
2. How do we know the disciples did not just imagine or dream that Jesus had risen?  
*Lots of different people saw Him, and many of them saw Him all at one time..*
3. How can you know that Jesus is alive?  
*By knowing that the Bible is true. By experiencing Jesus' presence in you as you live by the Spirit.*

**DISCUSS** 

1. How was Jesus' body like the disciples' bodies? How was it different? What does it show about our future resurrection bodies (Phil 3:21)?
2. Review: what proofs of Jesus' resurrection has Luke recorded? What other evidence is there in the Bible (1 Cor 15:3–8) and in you (Gal 2:20; 1 John 3:24)?

# DAY 5

The changed lives of Christians shows He is alive • Luke 24:44–53

## READ

Luke 24:44–53

## EXPLAIN

### The truth of Luke 24:44–53

What difference does Jesus' resurrection make to you if you are a Christian? A big difference! His risen life overwhelms you with blessing! The risen Christ gives you new life and sets you free from the life of sin (Rom 6:4–14). He enables you to overcome the world (1 John 4:4). He intercedes for you as our great and kind High Priest (Heb 2:17; 4:15; 7:25). He gives you hope and peace by being with you (Matt 28:20) and ruling over all with great power (Eph 1:20–22). He also sends the “promise of My Father” (Luke 24:49), which is the Holy Spirit (John 16:7; Ezek 39:29). By the Holy Spirit He enables you to reject sin (Gal 5:16), gives you understanding of Himself in Scripture (Ps 119:18; 1 John 2:27), empowers your witness about Christ to all nations (Acts 1:8), and equips you to serve others (1 Cor 12:7). That's a lot of blessing, but the best part is still to come! The resurrection's biggest blessing is that it secures for you perfect life forever in heaven (15:20–26, 51–57).

## ASK

1. Because Jesus rose again, what did He tell the disciples to proclaim (Luke 24:47)?  
*Repentance and forgiveness of sins.*
2. What did He tell the disciples to wait for (Luke 24:49)?  
*The promise of the Father, which is the Holy Spirit. Power to be His witnesses.*
3. After they saw Jesus, were the disciples still sad and afraid (Luke 24:52)?  
*No. They were very happy and courageous.*

## DISCUSS

1. How important is the resurrection for Christianity (Luke 24:46–48; 1 Cor 15:1–20)? Do you have to believe in the resurrection to be a Christian (Rom 10:9–10)?
2. Have you seen someone transformed by the gospel? How is there life evidence of the resurrection? Could someone see evidence of the resurrection by the way you live?