

Sunday School Lesson

April 2, 2023

The Lord Has Risen Indeed!

Luke 24:13-21, 28-35

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Question for Us Today

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**How would you respond if
Christ Jesus walked up and
spoke to you today?**

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To explore and understand this episode of a post-Crucifixion appearance by the Risen Christ Jesus to a couple of disciples.

Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Luke

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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5. Remember These Things

Points of Information – Luke

Luke was a Gentile, not a Jew. He was a medical doctor by profession. In Colossians 4:14, the Apostle Paul refers to Luke as “the beloved physician.”

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Luke was not one of the Twelve Disciples. He was a co-traveler, dear friend and ministerial colleague with the Apostle Paul.

Points of Information – Luke

The Gospel according to Luke, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, is one of the three Synoptic Gospels – along with those of Matthew and Mark. These Gospels closely match one another in content and sequence. Yet, large segments of the Lukan Gospel are unique.

Points of Information – Luke

Luke also wrote the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. In that Book, Luke details momentous events in Christian history: the monumental Day of Pentecost, the stoning of Stephen (the first Christian martyr), the Damascus Road conversion of Saul/Paul and more. It is believed that Luke might have written at least one more Book of Scripture, which has been lost.

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Lesson Context - 1

The earlier Verses of Chapter 24 tell us that following the Crucifixion of Jesus the Christ, a group of women went to the tomb, seeking our Savior.

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Lesson Context - 2

10 After hearing and finding that Jesus was not in the tomb, they went and told the Disciples what they had experienced. The Disciples – including Peter – did not believe the women.

Now, two more men unknowingly encounter the Risen Christ.

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Text – UMI Outline #1

Luke 24:13-21

Hopelessness and Despair

Luke 24:13-14 (NLT)

That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem.

As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened.

Luke 24:15-16

As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus Himself suddenly came and began walking with them.

But God kept them from recognizing Him.

Luke 24:17-18

He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces.

Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there in the last few days."

Luke 24:19

"What things?" Jesus asked. "The things that happened to Jesus, the Man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a Prophet Who did powerful miracles, and He was a mighty Teacher in the Eyes of God and all the people.

Luke 24:20-21

But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified Him.

We had hoped He was the Messiah Who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

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Text – UMI Outline #2

Luke 24:28-35

Restored Hope

Luke 24:28-29

By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if He were going on,

but they begged Him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So, He went home with them.

Luke 24:30-31

As they sat down to eat, He took the bread and blessed it. Then He broke it and gave it to them.

Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And at that moment He disappeared!

Luke 24:32

They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as He talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:33-34

And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them,

who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."

Luke 24:35

Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized Him as He was breaking the bread.

Remember these things:

We should be prepared for our own personal encounters with Our Lord and Savior.

He is Risen indeed!

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