

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Lesson #14

Luke 24:13-53

Sunday, Midday - Luke 24:13-32

The women disciples of Jesus were the first to hear the good news (Gospel) that Jesus was no longer dead, but alive. He is risen, indeed! Peter, upon hearing the news, ran to check it out for himself. The body of Jesus was not there, but Peter *“went away wondering to himself what had happened.”*

1. Luke continued the story of what took place on that amazing resurrection day. Two of Jesus’ disciples (not the apostles) were on their way to a village called Emmaus. How far was it from Jerusalem? (Luke 24:13)
2. While they were walking, what was their topic of conversation? (Luke 24:14)
3. At some point along the road, someone joined their conversation. Who does Luke say “came up and walked along with them?” (Luke 24:15)
4. What else did Luke say about this? (Luke 24:16)
5. *“He asked them, ‘What are you discussing together as you walk along?’”* What did they say? (Luke 24:17 & 18)
6. Using Luke 24:19:
 - When asked to clarify “what things,” whom did Cleopas say they had been discussing?
 - How did Cleopas describe him?
7. Whom did Cleopas hold responsible for Jesus’ crucifixion? (Luke 24:20)

8. Why did he say they were so disheartened over this? (Luke 24:21)

9. But it had been three days since Jesus had been crucified. Their hopes had been dashed, yet, *"Our women amazed us."* How did they amaze these disciples of Jesus? (Luke 24:22 & 23)

10. But, some other companions went to the tomb to see for themselves. What did these companions report? (Luke 24:24)

11. What did their new traveling companion say after their explanation? (Luke 24:25 & 26)

12. For the rest of the journey, he explained what was said in the Scriptures about himself beginning with Moses then going through all the prophets. As they approached the village of Emmaus what happened? (Luke 24:28)

13. How did Luke say they reacted to this? (Luke 24:29)

14. So he agreed and went in with them. Having walked and talked with Jesus without recognition for the entire afternoon, what finally changed that? (Luke 24:30-31a)

15. One can only imagine what that moment must have been like. Surely, they had many questions to ask. Were they able to do so? (Luke 24:31b)

16. How did they describe this encounter with the risen Lord? (Luke 24:32)

17. "They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem." By this time, it was dark, and the road steep and treacherous. What was so urgent that they couldn't wait until the morning? (Luke 24:33-35)

Note: Simon refers to Simon Peter, Jesus' chief disciple

Late Sunday Evening or Early Monday Morning - Luke 24:36-53

18. Back in Jerusalem with Jesus' apostles, the disciples from Emmaus recount their story. What happened? (Luke 24:36)
19. What was their reaction to this? (Luke 24:37)
20. Knowing they were confused and afraid, how did Jesus reassure them it was really he?
- Luke 24:38 & 39

 - Luke 24:40
21. When they still were unable to believe, what did Jesus ask for? (Luke 24:41)
22. What did he do with it? (Luke 24:42 & 43)
23. Again he said, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." (Luke 24:44) What finally made the difference? (Luke 24:45)
24. Now with 20/20 hindsight, Jesus affirmed everything he had taught them over the past three years. What did he affirm about the Messiah, the Christ? (Luke 24:46)
25. In doing this, the good news (Gospel) could go forth. What is the good news? (Luke 24:47)

26. How did Jesus say that good news was to be spread? (Luke 24:48)

27. Jesus said, "I am going to send you what my Father has promised." (Luke 24:49a) Having just opened their minds to understanding the Scriptures, what would they be anticipating in that promise? (Joel 2:28)

28. Who was included in that promise? (Joel 2:29)

29. What were Jesus' final instructions to these excited, young disciples he had prepared to send into the world to deliver the good news? (Luke 24:49b)

The Ascension - Luke 24:50-53

30. What an amazing day it had been! Where did Jesus take his disciples that night? (Luke 24:50a)

31. What did he do there? (Luke 24:50b)

32. How does Luke describe Jesus' ascension? (Luke 24:51)

33. What did his disciples do that same evening after they saw Jesus ascend into heaven? (Luke 24:52)

34. What does Luke say they did after that? (Luke 24:53)

The Apostle John concluded his Gospel with these words that could apply to Luke as well, "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."
John 20:30 & 31; 21:25

Luke's story continues in his second volume called "Acts."