



The Son of Man Is Resurrected

Luke 23:50–24:53



LESSON GOAL

Students will be able to tell their friends and family about the resurrection and why it is important.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to

- Identify the events surrounding the resurrection.
- Explain the importance of the resurrection.
- List the reasons why Christians meet on Sunday.
- Recall the instructions Jesus gave His disciples before He ascended.

KEY VERSE

“Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem’” (Luke 24:46–47).

APPLICATION

- Praise God like the disciples did after the resurrection.
- Trust that Christ’s life, death, and resurrection give us hope that He will come again.
- Repent and tell others about forgiveness of sin that comes through repentance.

Symbol Key



Memory Verse



Object Lesson



Game



Visual Aid



Activity



Q & A



Work Sheet

Teacher Planning Sheet

PREPARE

Objectives/Truths to cover this week

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Personal Application

As a result of my study in this passage, God wants me to

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Three ways students need to apply this passage are

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POINT

Choose from various ideas to point students to the coming Bible lesson.

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PROCLAIM

Choose from various ideas to proclaim the Bible lesson.

Presentation Ideas

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Praise/Music Ideas

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PRACTICE

Choose ideas to help review and apply today's lesson.

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Materials Needed

PREPARE WITH THE TRUTH

“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul.... You shall teach them to your children” (Deuteronomy 11:18–19).

Please take time to prepare your mind and heart to accurately handle the truths of God’s Word (2 Tim. 2:15). Read through the Bible background and study the truths contained in this lesson. Crucial background information is included here to aid you in understanding the Scripture.

Bible Background

Introduction

The resurrection is the climax of the Bible and the heart of the gospel (Rom. 10:9–10; 1 Cor. 15:1–8). If Jesus did not rise from the dead, there is no good news. Christian teaching is in vain, the apostles were false witnesses, and our faith is worthless. We are still in our sins, all believers who died are lost, and Christians are to be most pitied of all men (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But since the resurrection did take place, Jesus is proved to be Lord and God. All in Christ will also be raised, and death is abolished and deprived of its sting. Believers will receive glorified, imperishable bodies, and God will lead us in victory through Christ (15:20–26; 51–57). It is not just Christ’s death that was necessary; we also need the perfect life He lived for us (imputed righteousness), His resurrection for us, and His current place at the right hand of God as our ever-living Intercessor and Mediator. The other Gospels give additional details of the resurrection narrative, so Matthew 28, Mark 16, and John 20 should be consulted and compared to gain a full picture of the events.

Christ’s Burial (Luke 23:50–56)

Joseph of Arimathea was a rich, prominent member of the Sanhedrin and also a kingdom-expecting disciple of Christ (Matt. 27:57; Mark 15:43). Isaiah 53:9 had prophesied of the Messiah that “they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death.” This is yet another example of every detail of prophecy being fulfilled. The Sanhedrin was the supreme court of Israel, and it was composed of 71 members led by the high priest. Luke is the only Gospel writer who mentions that that Joseph did not vote against Christ. However, John points out that he was “a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews” (John 19:38). John’s Gospel also points out that Nicodemus, a prominent Pharisee and ruler of the Jews (see John 3), was involved and also had earlier become Christ’s follower (John 7:50). Both Joseph and Nicodemus risked their reputations and possibly their lives to give their Master a costly and honorable burial. The Galilean women may not have been familiar with these Judean leaders and may have associated them with Christ’s killers, so they purchased and prepared spices to anoint and prepare the body themselves. Jews did not embalm but used perfumes when they could afford it, primarily to counteract putrefaction. As law-abiding, faithful Jews, sundown Friday meant they must rest on the Sabbath, so they delayed their plans until the morning after the Sabbath.

Christ’s Empty Tomb (Luke 24:1–12)

Matthew and Mark also each point out the faithfulness of these women when the male disciples had deserted Christ, and they became the first eyewitnesses of the

resurrection and the heroines of the story. This is one of many evidences of the objective truthfulness of Scripture in contrast to other ancient writings, which would not portray women in a positive light. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, Mary the mother of James, and other ladies came to finish anointing the body for burial (Luke 24:11; cf. Mark 16:1). Even the most faithful did not expect a resurrection. Matthew mentions one of the angels sitting on the stone, Mark mentions an angel who looked like a man inside the tomb, and Luke and John mention both of them. The different accounts give different details but are complementary, not contradictory. The rolled-away stone was not to let Christ out (since the risen Lord could walk through walls). Rather, it was to show that He was already gone, and it is a tremendous testimony of the resurrection. All false theories of the resurrection cannot account for the empty tomb or other details given in the Gospels. Putting the four Gospels together produces this account: There was an earthquake, and the guards were so afraid of the angels that they became like dead men and ran away, only to be paid off by the Jews to stay silent. The same angels comforted the fearful women with the greatest news possible: "He is risen!" The angels reminded the women that Jesus had told them in Galilee that He must suffer and be crucified at the hands of sinners but would rise on the third day. The women ran back to the disciples and told them the news. Most did not believe, but Peter and John raced to the tomb to find it empty. Neither disciple fully understood the resurrection prophecies, and they returned to their homes confused. Mary Magdalene stayed behind at the tomb, believing someone had taken the body, and she was the first person to whom the resurrected Lord appeared. He also appeared to the other women who worshiped Him, and He then told them that He would meet the disciples in Galilee. The MacArthur Study Bible is recommended for further reading and reconciling the chronology of the various accounts.

The Gospels make it very clear that Jesus rose on Sunday, "the first day of the week," and this is why Christians meet on Sundays rather than on the Jewish Sabbath. It is called the "Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10) because it celebrates the day our Lord was resurrected, the centerpiece and foundation of Christianity. A pattern seems to develop: Jesus first appeared on a Sunday and then reappeared the following Sunday; the church was born on a Sunday, Pentecost (Acts 2); and the early church met on Sunday (Acts 20:7) and gave offerings on that day (1 Cor. 16:2). Every Lord's Day should be a reminder and celebration of this greatest event in history, the resurrection of our Lord.

Christ's Appearances (Luke 24:13–43)

The exact location of Emmaus is uncertain, but tradition identifies it as a town called Kubeibeh, seven miles northwest of Jerusalem. The distance of the travel shows that Christ's resurrection involved a restored and healed body, as no man could have walked that far on feet lacerated by nails. Jesus apparently was divinely disguised (Luke 24:16) as He joined these disciples, who evidently were not any of the eleven. One named Cleopas gave an emotional representation of the disciples; he spoke of "Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet," suggesting doubts about His deity, and His reported resurrection. Verse 21 shows that these men's hopes of a Redeemer were disappointed. The Jewish view of the Messiah saw Him as only a kingdom ruler and ignored or disbelieved any references to His suffering, death, and resurrection (24:21). Since even the disciples struggled with the theology of a suffering Savior, it is no surprise to see what a stumbling block the cross was to Jews who were not His followers.

Jesus lovingly rebuked their foolishness and their hearts' slowness to believe all that the prophets had spoken of. He could have instantly proved the resurrection by His hands and feet, but He first proved that the Jewish Scriptures themselves

required the Messiah's suffering, death, and resurrection. Perhaps Jesus began with Genesis 3:15, the first promise of the Redeemer, and traced it through passages such as Genesis 22 (Abraham offering his beloved son on the altar where the lamb became the substitute). "Beginning at Moses" undoubtedly included the Passover, sacrificial system, Day of Atonement, serpent in the wilderness, etc., and led to passages such as Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 (see also Acts 2:25–36). The men's hearts burned within them, but it was only later, while breaking bread, that they were allowed to recognize Jesus before He vanished.

Christ's Appearance to the Disciples (Luke 24:33–43)

The men rushed to tell the eleven apostles the exciting news, and they found out that Simon Peter also has seen the Lord. As they rejoiced together and exchanged stories, Jesus Himself reappeared in their midst! Although He was able to walk through walls, the text also shows that the resurrection was literal and physical, and Jesus was not just a ghost or vision. His body still had scars and was "flesh and blood," it could be touched, and what overcame their disbelief was watching Him eat food, conclusive proof that He had physically been raised. What a phenomenal moment it must have been!

Christ's Commission and Ascension (Luke 24:44–53)

The last words a loved one leaves for you are very important, and even more important was our beloved Lord's farewell address, which Luke concludes with. The formula of Law, Prophets, and Psalms (shorthand for poetic books) in verse 44 shows that Jesus affirmed the entire Old Testament and that every section was about Him and would be fulfilled in Him. (See also Luke 24:27—"all the prophets.") Verse 31 says their eyes were opened to recognize Jesus, and verse 45 says their minds were opened by Christ to understand the Scriptures, undoubtedly many of the same passages expounded on the way to Emmaus. We also need divine enlightenment and reliance on the Lord to understand and appreciate His Scriptures today (Psalm 119:18). Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit later would come and empower them for their task as witnesses, as Luke records in Acts. Matthew records the Great Commission as "Go...and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing...teaching." Mark says that Jesus added "preach the gospel to every creature" (16:15), and Luke gives the content of that gospel: "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations." Any evangelism or gospel proclamation that does not call for repentance or discipleship falls short of our Lord's command, which the record of the early church shows that the apostles obeyed (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 13:38; 17:30; 20:21; 26:20). As Jesus ascended to heaven, the apostles no longer were sad, but they worshiped Christ, had great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. Although these events occurred many years ago, enthusiasm and evangelism should be true of us today.

POINT TO THE TRUTH

*“Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth”
(Psalm 78:1).*

This section includes questions to review last week’s lesson and ideas to prepare students for this week’s lesson. Choose from the following ideas to point to the truths of this lesson.



Review Questions

Use these questions to review and reinforce key truths.

What did Jesus ask the Father as He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane?
He asked if there was any way that He might be able to obey God without having to suffer and die. But He told also God that it was not His desire but the will of the Father that He would obey.

Who entered the garden after Jesus returned to His disciples?
Judas, a disciple of Jesus, entered the garden. He was followed by a group of people made up of religious leaders, temple officers, elders, scribes, servants, Sanhedrin representatives, and Pharisees, with a Roman cohort or battalion (about 600 soldiers).

How did Judas show the religious leaders which man was Jesus?
He went up to Jesus and kissed Him on the cheek.

Where did the religious leaders take Jesus after leaving the garden?
They took Him before the high priest and then to Pilate to be tried.

Who was crucified with Jesus?
Beside Jesus, on His left and right, were two criminals.

What happened before and as Jesus was dying?
From the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over the land. The veil in the temple tore from top to bottom. Just before Jesus died He cried, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.”



Good News Skit

Choose two or three teachers or assistants to pretend to be selling newspapers on the day of Christ’s resurrection. As they walk around the room calling out the day’s headline—“Have you heard the good news?”—they should run into one another and begin to talk, expressing astonishment over the day’s events. One should talk about how incredible it is that this man Jesus was crucified, and what is more, he was a righteous man. Another should talk about how some women who were Jesus’ friends were on their way to prepare the body for burial, and when they go to the tomb, Jesus was gone. The third should talk about how some of Jesus’ disciples were on their way to Emmaus when Jesus appeared to them, explaining the prophecies in Scripture about His resurrection. Then all three newspaper sellers should agree that Jesus’ conquering death showed that He was in fact the Messiah who came to pay for the sins of man.



Understanding the Resurrection

In today's lesson we will learn that Jesus rose from the dead. It is important to understand that without the resurrection, the crucifixion (as well as all that Jesus said and did) would be in vain—for nothing. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus' disciples are still in disbelief over the crucifixion. They do not understand what the Scriptures say about Jesus' resurrection. They cannot believe what has happened, and they probably think that His ministry is over. But as Jesus joins them on the road, He teaches them from the Scriptures regarding His resurrection. He helps them to understand that the cross was not the end, but the beginning. In today's lesson we will learn the importance of Christ showing that He has conquered death through His resurrection.



Last Words

A person's last words are important. If people know it is the last time they will be together, they say things that are the most important to them. What would you say if today was your last day with your brother or sister because he or she was going away on a long trip? What if it was your last day to tell your best friend something? In today's lesson we will learn about what some of Jesus' last words were before He ascended to His Father in heaven. These were important not only for His disciples who watched Him leave, but also for us today.

PROCLAIM THE TRUTH

"Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done" (Psalm 78:4).

This section includes the Bible lesson, lesson questions, and praise and worship ideas. Song suggestions are included that you can use to proclaim your worship to God. Use the lesson questions to check the students' understanding. This section also includes various presentation ideas to use during the teaching time. Read the Bible passage several times before you read these pages. All teaching should be done directly from the Bible.

Bible Lesson

Reading of the Text

Read portions of Luke 23:50–24:53.

Introduction

Have you ever told someone something and had him respond, "Prove it to me"? He wanted proof that what you were saying was true. While Jesus was on earth, He claimed a lot of things about Himself, including that He was God. There were many people who did not believe Him, despite all His miracles. They saw Him heal the sick and injured and even raise the dead. They told Him to come down from the cross if He was really God. Three days after His death, Jesus proved Himself. Any other man would be decomposing in the tomb, but not Jesus. He is alive. To make sure that everyone knew of His resurrection, Jesus allowed Himself to be seen by many people. Let's read about what happened those last days of Jesus' stay on earth.



Leadoff Questions (LOQs)

LOQ: Where was Jesus' body taken after His death?

Answer: A man named Joseph of Arimathea, who was a prominent and rich member of the Sanhedrin, asked for Jesus' body. Joseph was a disciple of Christ, but he was fearful of the Jews.

LOQ: Where did Joseph take Jesus' body?

Answer: Joseph had a tomb that had never been used. He took Jesus' body, wrapped Him in a cloth, and placed Him in the tomb.

LOQ: Why did Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, and Mary the mother of James come to the tomb the next morning?

Answer: They came with spices to anoint Jesus' body for burial.

LOQ: What did the women find when they reached the tomb?

Answer: There was an angel sitting on the stone and an angel inside the tomb. The stone had been rolled away, and Jesus' body was missing.

LOQ: What did the angels tell the women when they arrived?

Answer: The angels told the women the good news that "He is risen!" Jesus had told them that He would be resurrected on the third day, and He had done as He had said.

LOQ: What did the women do when they heard the news?

Answer: They ran back to tell the disciples what they had seen. Still, many did not believe. Peter and John raced back to see if what the women had said was true. Mary Magdalene stayed behind because she thought someone had taken the body. She was the first person to whom the resurrected Lord appeared.

LOQ: What did Peter see that proved Jesus' resurrection?

Answer: Peter looked into the tomb and saw Jesus' linen clothes lying by themselves.

LOQ: What day did Jesus rise from the dead?

Answer: Jesus rose on Sunday.

LOQ: What happened on the road to Emmaus?

Answer: Two disciples were traveling on the road, and Jesus walked alongside them, asking them what they were talking about. They did not recognize Him and began to tell Him what had happened.

LOQ: What happened that evening?

Answer: The disciples invited Jesus to stay with them for the evening. During supper they broke bread together, and their eyes were opened. They recognized who He was, and then He disappeared.

LOQ: What did the disciples do after Jesus disappeared?

Answer: They left right away and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the 11 disciples together. While they were all gathered, Jesus appeared to them, and they were afraid. He showed them His hands and feet so that they would see that He was a real man. Some still did not believe, and Jesus was given food to eat.

LOQ: What were the last instructions that Jesus gave before returning to heaven?

Answer: Jesus' last instructions are called the Great Commission. Jesus instructed the disciples to preach the good news to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. They were also to wait in Jerusalem until God sent the Holy Spirit, who would give them power from on high.

LOQ: What was the last thing that Jesus did to the disciples?

Answer: He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

LOQ: What did the disciples do after Jesus ascended?

Answer: The disciples worshiped and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They went to the temple, praising and blessing God.

Summary

It is clear that after Jesus' death, many of His disciples did not truly understand or believe that He would return as He had said. They had seen His miracles and had heard His teaching, but they did not have the hope that He would return. Early on Sunday morning, women went to the tomb to prepare His body for burial. When they arrived, the stone was rolled away, and there were two angels present. The angels gave the women the good news of what had happened. Although Mary Magdalene stayed at the tomb, the other women rushed to tell the disciples. Not believing the news, Peter and John rushed to see if it was true. When Peter arrived, he found the cloth that Jesus had been wrapped in left in the tomb. Over the following 40 days, Jesus was seen by His disciples and many other men and women. His appearances made it undeniable that He was truly alive. At the end of His time on earth, Jesus gave the disciples a command to tell the gospel to the nations. He then blessed them and ascended into heaven. Jesus' resurrection is more than a story. It is undeniable evidence that authenticated His life and message.

Application

The resurrection is the climax of the Bible and the heart of the gospel. Because of Christ's resurrection, believers have the hope that their faith is not in vain, that their sin has been paid for, and that all that Jesus taught and lived is true. The knowledge of Jesus' resurrection should cause us to praise God, realize that it is our hope of salvation, and tell others of God's good news.

Presentation Ideas



A Beka Book Flash-A-Cards

Use appropriate A Beka Book Flash-A-Cards with the lesson.



Betty Lukens Flannelgraph

Use appropriate flannelgraph pieces with the lesson.



Resurrection and Ascension Freeze Play

Materials: copies of the freeze-play script (at back of lesson), three chairs (pushed under a table until needed), linen cloth, fish, honeycomb

Directions: Choose 24 students to take part in the play. Explain to these students that they will act out the events of the resurrection and ascension—but only when you are facing them, and only using motions. They should not use any words. When you turn to read to the class, they should freeze in the middle of whatever

action they are performing and remain frozen until you turn and face them again. In addition, if you do not mention their character names, they must remain frozen. The acting is meant to be impromptu, so no preparation is needed. Tell the actors to listen carefully as you read the story, so they can act it out as accurately as possible. Show them props they can use for various scenes. Finally, tell them that when you point to them individually, they are to return to their seats because they are done acting. The only exception is the student who portrays Jesus; he will stand by the wall when he needs to disappear and then will reappear throughout the play. You also will need to instruct the Jesus character to stand on the table when he is “ascending” into heaven at the end of the play. As the narrator, use your voice inflections to enhance the students’ actions. After setting the students up in front of the class as described on the freeze-play script, remind all the student actors to begin with their arms down by their sides. When you begin the play, you may want to nod or read directly to the student who should be doing the action at any given point, until they get the hang of it. You may consider doing a replay if the students do a poor job on a particular scene. Begin by reading Luke 23:50–24:53, using the provided script.



Dr. Luke Talk Show

Materials: copies of the “Dr. Luke” questions page (at back of lesson), four chairs, microphone (real or something that looks like a microphone)

Directions: Before class, assign four adults to the four Bible characters listed below, and instruct them to study their passage (and corresponding passages in the other Gospels) in depth to prepare for their appearance on the “Dr. Luke Talk Show.” Show them the list of questions the students will ask so they can be fully prepared to answer.

- Joseph of Arimathea—Luke 23:50–56
- Mary Magdalene—Luke 24:1–11
- Peter—Luke 24:10–12, 33–53
- Cleopas—Luke 24:13–35

Set up four chairs at the front of the room. You might consider making a sign that says “Dr. Luke Talk Show” to hang behind the chairs. Cut up the list of questions, and pass them out as the students begin to arrive. During class, have the Bible characters sit in the four chairs. You will be Dr. Luke and will monitor the question-asking session. Introduce yourself to the students as Dr. Luke, and explain that today they will take turns asking the Bible characters questions about Christ’s resurrection and ascension. Instruct the students to raise their hands when they are ready to ask their questions. Hand a student a microphone and ask him to stand up, address the person he is questioning (for example, “This question is for Peter”), and speak loudly and clearly. Allow the character time to answer the question in depth. If there is time at the end, allow the students to ask other questions they may have thought of on their own.

Praise and Worship

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

He Is Lord

I Love You, Lord

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

The Solid Rock

PRACTICE THE TRUTH

“That they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments” (Psalm 78:7).

Choose ideas from this section to review and apply the truths of the Bible lesson.



What Is Resurrection?

Materials: copy of the “point values” sheet on an overhead transparency, overhead projector, copy of the questions and answers sheets

Directions: Place the point-value transparency on the overhead projector, and explain the game rules to the class. Select five to seven students to participate in the game as “contestants,” and have them sit on chairs in front of the class. Give each contestant a piece of scratch paper to keep his score on. (For younger students, a teacher or assistant will need to keep track of points.) Start with the student on the left side of the lineup. He should choose a category and point value (for instance, “‘Places’ for 500”), and then he has 10 seconds to answer the question. If he answers correctly, he can give himself the allotted number of points; if he answers wrongly, he must subtract that number of points from his score, and the other contestants may raise their hands to answer. Call on the student who raises his hand first; scoring is the same as above. Once the question has been answered correctly, go to the next student in the lineup. (This differs from the game show “Jeopardy,” where the contestant who answers correctly takes the next turn.) Put an X through the box on the point-value chart once the question has been answered. Continue playing until all questions are used. Have the students tally their totals and find out who the winner is.



Resurrection Response

Talk with the students about various ways that people react to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Some react in unbelief, saying that the resurrection was a conspiracy by the disciples and that they stole Jesus’ body. Other people say that Jesus was a good man and even a prophet. What are other ways that people distort the truth of Jesus’ death and resurrection? Discuss the proper response—thankfulness, love, and praise. Every believer should thank God for sending Jesus to earth to do what we could never do and give us what we don’t deserve.



What Does It Mean to You?

Ask the students what it means that Jesus died on the cross and rose again for sinners. What is sin? Most students know the word sin and have been trained to say, “Jesus died for my sins,” but few (if any) know the full extent of sin. Most students will tell you about breaking the Ten Commandments or other outward acts of disobedience to God. Discuss sins of the heart, sins that are not outward but inward. For instance, ask the students whether they ever have been so angry at a sibling that they would not forgive them. Explain that this is a sin, too. Give other examples of inward sin to help the students begin to understand the extent of their sin. Then tell them that knowing the extent of our sin should give us a greater appreciation of and love for the sacrifice that Jesus made.



“The Son of Man Is Resurrected”

Use this work sheet to reinforce the key truths of today’s lesson. The work sheet is located at the back of the lesson.



Journal Page: “Resurrection”

Give each student a copy of the journal page at the back of this lesson. The students can complete the page individually, in small groups, or at home.

Coloring Pages

Give each student copies of the coloring sheets at the back of the lesson. Students can color the pages in class or at home.



MEMORY VERSE

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen!” (Luke 24:5b–6a).



Hangman

Use this activity in one large group or several small groups. After reciting the memory verse as a class, draw blanks on the board—one for each letter in each word of the verse. Let the students take turns filling in the blanks.

Resurrection and Ascension Freeze Play

Characters

Joseph of Arimathea	Pilate
Jesus	two angels
Mary Magdalene	Joanna
Mary the mother of James	three other women
Peter	10 other apostles
Cleopas	second disciple walking the road to Emmaus

Set up the students in front of the class:

Joseph, Pilate, and Jesus (laying on a table) on the far right side of the room (tomb)

All six women in the center on the right

11 apostles in the center on the left (at Jerusalem)

Two men walking the road to Emmaus on the far left

Narrator Script (Luke 23:50–24:53)

Face the class (no acting): Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man.

Turn to face actors (Joseph acting): He had not consented to their decision and deed.

Face class (actors freeze): He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God.

Turn to face actors (Joseph, Pilate, and Jesus acting): This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before.

Point to Pilate to signal him to sit down.

Face class (actors freeze): That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near.

Turn to face actors (women enter the tomb, where Joseph is preparing Jesus' body): And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils.

Face class (actors freeze): And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

Signal Jesus to rise off the table and stand to the side as he has been resurrected from the dead.

Face class (actors freeze): Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them

Turn to face actors (women acting): came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

Face class (actors freeze): But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

Turn to face actors (women acting): Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Face class (actors freeze): And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold,

Turn to face actors (angels & women acting): two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth,

Face class (actors freeze): they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

Turn to face actors (women acting): And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

Point to angels to signal them to sit down.

Face class (actors freeze): It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles.

Turn to face actors (Peter and other apostles acting): And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

Point to women to signal them to sit down.

Face class (actors freeze): Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.

Turn to face actors (Cleopas and second disciple acting): And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

Face class (actors freeze): So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that

Point to Jesus to signal him to appear to the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Turn to face actors (Jesus and two disciples acting): Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

Face class (actors freeze): But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

Turn to face actors (Jesus acting): And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

Face class (actors freeze): Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him,

Turn to face actors (Cleopas acting): "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

Face class (actors freeze): And He said to them,

Turn to face actors (Jesus acting): "What things?"

Face class (actors freeze): So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

Turn to face actors (Jesus acting): Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

Face class (actors freeze): And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Turn to face actors (Jesus and two disciples acting): Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying,

Face class (actors freeze): "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

Turn to face actors (Jesus and two disciples acting): And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table [signal actors to pull out chairs and use table that Jesus laid on in the tomb as a dining table now] with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another,

Point at Jesus to vanish from the scene and stand by the wall again.

Face class (actors freeze): “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”

Turn to face actors (two disciples and 11 apostles acting): So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying,

Face class (actors freeze): “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”

Turn to face actors (two disciples and 11 apostles acting): And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Point at Jesus to signal him to reappear in the center of the disciples.

Face class (actors freeze): Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.”

Turn to face actors (Jesus and all 13 disciples acting): But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them,

Face class (actors freeze): “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

Turn to face actors (Jesus and all 13 disciples acting): When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them,

Face class (actors freeze): “Have you any food here?”

Turn to face actors (Jesus and all 13 disciples acting): So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them,

Face class (actors freeze): “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Turn to face actors (Jesus and all 13 disciples acting): And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven [point to Jesus to signal him to “ascend” onto the table]. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

Talk Show Questions

Cut out these questions to use during the "Dr. Luke Talk Show."

Joseph

Where are you from?

Joseph

Do you belong to a religious group?

Joseph

How did you hear about Christ's death?

Joseph

How was it that you had a tomb all ready for Jesus?

Joseph

How did you prepare Jesus' body for burial?

Mary Magdalene

Why did you go to Jesus' tomb on Friday to observe how His body was laid?

Mary Magdalene

Why did you stop preparing spices and oils on the Sabbath?

Mary Magdalene

What did you think happened to Jesus' body when you found the stone rolled away from the tomb on Sunday morning?

Mary Magdalene

What did the angels say to you when they appeared to you at the empty tomb?

Mary Magdalene

How did the disciples respond when you told them about the empty tomb and angels?

Cleopas

Where were you going when Jesus appeared to you?

Cleopas

Why were you so sad when Jesus first approached you along the road?

Cleopas

What encouraging words did Jesus speak to you?

Cleopas

When did you finally realize that the man was Jesus, resurrected from the dead?

Cleopas

Whom did you first tell this news of Jesus' resurrection?

Peter

How did you respond when Mary Magdalene and the other women told you that Jesus' tomb was empty?

Peter

How did you react when Jesus appeared in your midst in the closed room in Jerusalem?

Peter

What assurance did Jesus give you that it was truly Him, risen from the dead?

Peter

What did you give Jesus to eat?

Peter

What did Christ teach you about the necessity of His death and resurrection?

Peter

What did Christ do just before His ascension?

Peter

What was the first thing you and the other disciples did after watching Jesus ascend into heaven?

What Is Resurrection?

People	Places	Events	Objects	Application
The two disciples Jesus sent to prepare the Passover meal.	The place where Jesus and His disciples celebrated Passover.	Appeared to Christ during His prayer.	The object carried by the man the disciples followed to find the Passover room.	Our response to Christ's sacrifice should be _____.
He said, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done" (Luke 22:42).	The place where Christ prayed just before His betrayal.	What Jesus' disciples were doing while He was praying.	The two items Jesus took and gave thanks for during the Passover meal.	We must _____ of wrong attitudes or responses toward Christ.
The disciple who betrayed Jesus with a kiss.	The place where Christ was crucified.	What the women were doing as they followed Christ to His crucifixion.	The part of the high priest's servant's body Peter cut.	We must _____ of wrong attitudes or responses toward Christ.
The person who carried Christ's cross.	Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road to _____.	What the soldiers did with Christ's clothing.	What officials offered Christ to drink.	_____ in Christ is the only way of salvation.
The man who asked Pilate for the body of Jesus to be buried in his tomb.	Christ ascended into heaven from this outside area of Jerusalem.	The supernatural occurrence in the solar system when Christ died.	What was torn in two when Jesus died.	Recognize that Christ's life, death, and resurrection is your only _____.

What Is Resurrection?

(point values)

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What Is Resurrection?

(answers)

People	Places	Events	Objects	Application
Who are Peter and John?	What is the Upper Room?	What is an angel?	What is a pitcher of water?	What is <i>thankfulness</i> ?
Who is Jesus Christ?	What is the Mount of Olives?	What is sleeping?	What are the cup and the bread?	What is <i>repent</i> ?
Who is Judas?	What is Calvary?	What is weeping and lamenting?	What is his right ear?	What is <i>follow</i> ?
Who is Simon of Cyrene?	What is Emmaus?	What is casting lots?	What is sour wine?	What is <i>faith</i> ?
Who is Joseph of Arimathea?	What is Bethany?	What is the darkening of the sun?	What is the veil of the temple?	What is <i>hope</i> ?

The Son of Man Is Resurrected



Luke 23:50–24:53

Name _____

1. What did the women find when they went to the tomb of Jesus? (See Luke 24:2–3.)

2. The angels told the women, “He is not here, but is _____!” (Luke 24:6).

3. True or False: The disciples believed what the women told them. _____

4. Read Luke 24:37. How did the disciples act when Jesus appeared to them?

5. Fill in the blanks from Luke 24:46–47.

“Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to _____ and to _____ from the dead the _____ day, and that _____ and remission of _____ should be preached in His name to _____, beginning at Jerusalem.’”

6. What happened in Luke 24:51? _____

Resurrection

“Jesus said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem’” (Luke 24:46–47).

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This means that you can share the good news you wrote about with your friends today!

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I will tell him/her _____.

I am thankful that God raised Christ from the dead because it means _____.

PRAYER

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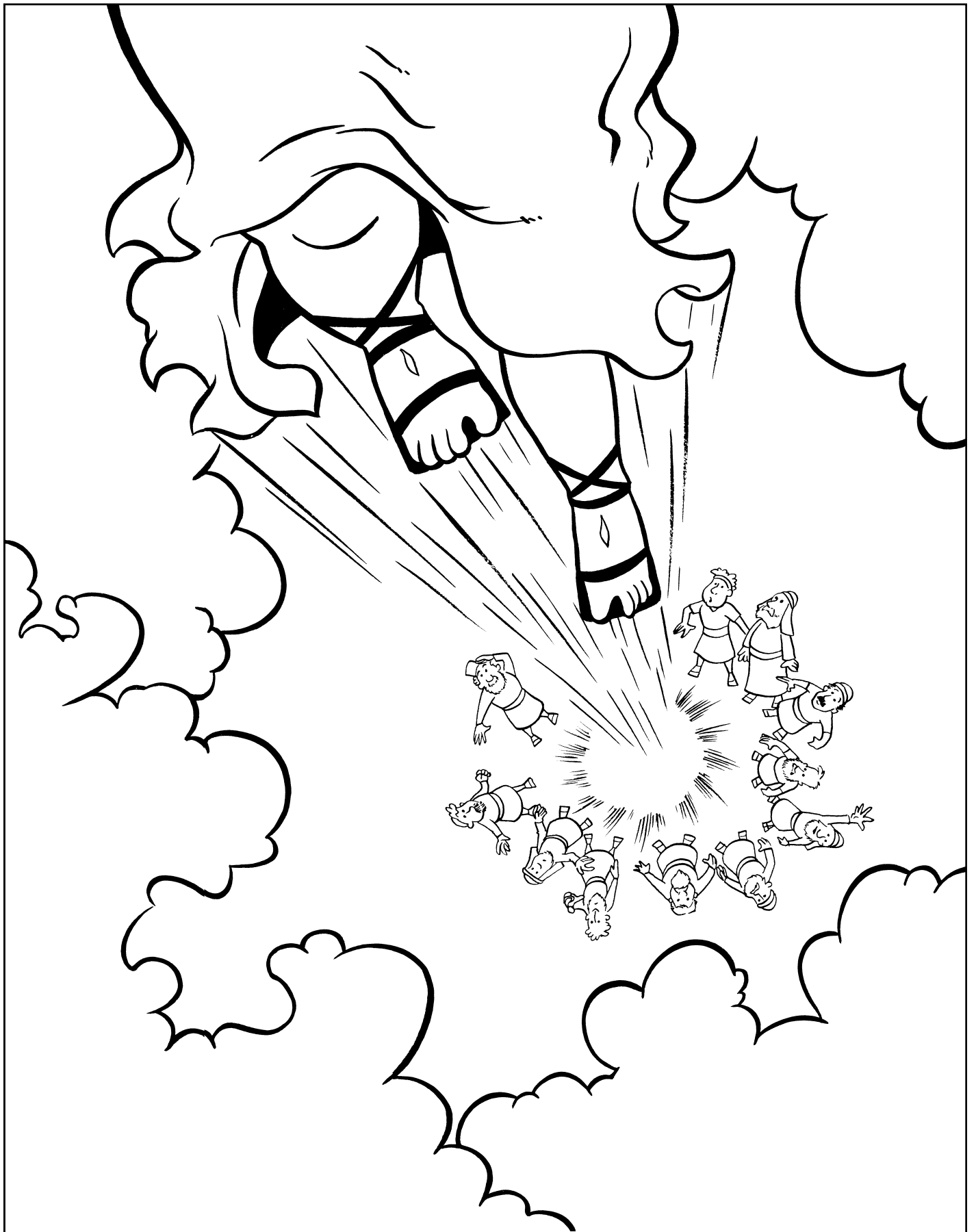
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“Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven” (Luke 24:51).

