

Jesus' Passion and Resurrection (3)
Luke 24

Memory Verse: *"Why do you seek the living among the dead?"* (Luke 24:5 ESV)

Background Helps:

Here are some more unique features of the Gospel of Luke:

- Luke alone records Jesus' appearance to the two men on the road to Emmaus.
- Notice that all of the appearances of the risen Christ recorded by Luke occur in Judea. The other Gospels record resurrection appearances in Galilee also. (See chart #12.)

Lesson Helps:

Once again your lesson plan can concentrate on one of several themes:

1. Convincing proofs (Acts 1:3) of Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb; resurrection appearances to Peter, to the two on the road to Emmaus, to the disciples on Easter Sunday night and at the time of his ascension; the physical evidence of his body (24:37-43); and the prophecies of his resurrection in Old Testament Scripture. Lead your class members to reaffirm their faith in the resurrection.
2. The appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (24:13-35). You could build your entire lesson around this one post-resurrection incident. Be sure to write out a lesson aim. Ask yourself "What is the point of this particular story? Why is it included by Luke?"
3. Christ, the theme of the Scriptures. Notice the frequent reference to the Old Testament Scriptures in this chapter: vv. 25-27, 32, 44-47. The risen Christ lays great emphasis on the written word. He shows himself to be the theme of the Old Testament (never mind the New Testament!). What might have been some of the passages he explained to his disciples?
4. The Commission of Christ. A study of Luke 24:46-49 will lead very naturally into next week's beginning of the book of Acts. Notice the message, the witnesses, the power, and the mission. Challenge your students to fulfill their part in carrying out Christ's commission. For example, invite a friend this week to Exeter Chapel.

Home Assignment:



Read Acts 1–2.



Memorize Acts 1:8.