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

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.
- 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 🤉

- 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?
- 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.

ASK 😮

 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 🦕

- 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).



- 1. How did Jesus prove that He had a real body? He showed the marks on His hands and feet, and He ate fish.
- 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..
- 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 🦕

- How was Jesus' body like the disciples' bodies? How was it different? What does it show about our future resurrection bodies (Phil 3:21)?
- 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 🕜

- 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.

 After they saw Jesus, were the disciples still sad and afraid (Luke 24:52)?

No. They were very happy and courageous.

DISCUSS 🧐

- 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)?
- 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?







Jesus rose from the dead.





Jesus' risen life is the reason for the Christian life.







The Big Picture

See page 162 of the Teacher Book Year 2, Book 3









He Is Not Here

See page 163 of the Teacher Book Year 2, Book 3

"And he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him'" (Mark 16:6).

"And he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him'" (Mark 16:6).

"And he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him'" (Mark 16:6).

"And he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him'" (Mark 16:6).

"And he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him'" (Mark 16:6).





Maze

According to the Scriptures Jesus would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead. Furthermore repentance and forgiveness would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations. Help the apostles get to the nations.



Because the resurrection is so essential to the gospel, the disciples preached it regularly (Acts 2:22–32). So must we.





Unscrambling Key Verses

Unscramble the words in each box and put them in the correct places in the key verse below it.

	noanist sisn	edda sire	feusrf eanm						
"Th	us it is written, that the	Christ should		and on the					
thir	d day fro	om the	_, and that repe	nd that repentance and					
	forgiveness of	should be proclaimed in							
his _	to all		, beginning from	ו Jerusalem"					
		(Luke 24:46-47).							
	waL Prehtpos seMos	Psmals rodsw wertitn							
"Thes	se are my	that I spoke to	you while I was s	/hile I was still with you,					
	that everything_	about me in							
	the	of	and the						
			_and the						
		must be fulfilled" (Luke 24:44).							
The resurrection is essential to the gospel. If Jesus did not rise from the dead. He									

The resurrection is essential to the gospel. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, He could not forgive sins or give eternal life to anyone. He would not be the Son of God, and He would not be able to help believers. He has destroyed the power of sin and death. As the Lord of life, He offers life to anyone who repents.



EASTER

LESSON 3

Word Search

Find the words in the list below. The words may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally, or backwards. When you find the word, circle it in the puzzle, then cross it off of the list.

	R	Е	Ν	L	S	R	М	А	М	Т	С	М	А	S	А
	Ι	D	0	Y	Р	С	L	Е	S	Y	В	V	Р	U	F
	S	G	Ι	W	Е	Ι	R	Ι	М	К	S	G	Ρ	А	U
	Е	J	Т	Y	V	Ν	R	Ι	К	Р	В	0	Е	М	S
	Ν	Ι	С	Е	U	Н	R	W	Ρ	В	Т	С	А	М	А
	D	К	Е	Ν	С	Ι	Ι	U	L	Т	Ν	Y	R	Е	U
	L	Ι	R	К	М	Т	В	R	0	А	U	Y	Е	J	F
	Н	L	R	С	Ν	L	Ρ	Ρ	Т	J	0	R	D	R	J
	I	R	U	Е	S	J	А	Ν	G	Е	L	S	Е	G	J
	Н	Q	S	G	W	Ι	Е	Ρ	Ι	Н	S	R	0	W	Ζ
	В	S	Е	G	G	Ρ	D	Ι	S	С	Ι	Ρ	L	Е	S
	G	М	R	Н	Е	Т	В	U	0	D	Ι	D	Т	V	Ζ
	R	Т	0	R	В	V	Ζ	R	D	Н	М	S	R	V	S
	Т	L	С	Т	L	Е	Ρ	R	V	С	С	U	L	U	Н
	L	М	0	V	U	В	К	Т	0	С	Ν	С	А	0	М
ALIVE ANGELS APPEARED CHRIST				DISCIPLES DOUBT EMMAUS EMPTY			JOURNEY REPENTANCE RESURRECTION RISEN				SCRIPTURE TOMB WITNESS WORSHIP				
Define the <i>resurrection</i> .															

What does the resurrection show us? _____





The Son of Man is resurrected • Luke 23:50-24:53 See What You Know!

NAME

Jesus rose from the dead.

1. What did the women find when they went to the tomb of Jesus?

The stone rolled away. Jesus in the tomb.

Roman soldiers standing guard. Angels watching for the Romans.

2. The angels told the women, "He is not here, but has ______" (Luke 24:6).

run away been moved risen disappeared

- 3. True or False: The disciples believed what the women told them.
- 4. How did the disciples act when Jesus appeared to them?

They were startled. They thought He was a spirit.

They were frightened. All of the above.

5. What two Old Testament passages greatly detail that Jesus would die?

Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 Proverbs 16 and Ezekiel 11

Psalm 16 and Isaiah 11 Psalm 22 and Ezekiel 53

6 What happened in Luke 24:51?

7. List some of the evidences that Jesus was alive.

8. How should Christians respond to Jesus resurrection?



EASTER LESSON 3

The Son of Man is resurrected LUKE 23:50-24:53

Prepared exclusively for childrens@gracechurch.org Transaction: GOG2482 This is a timed link that will expire at 2018-05-10 04:26:09 UTC.





Jesus rose from the dead.



"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46–47).

Supporting Truths Objectives

- 1. Jesus is alive.
- 2. The risen Jesus is still a man.
- 3. The risen Jesus confirmed the authority of Scripture.
- 4. Jesus' risen life demands a right response.
- 5. Jesus' risen life is the reason for the Christian life.
- 1. List several evidences that confirm that Jesus is alive.
- 2. Describe Jesus' resurrection body.
- 3. State that Jesus appealed to Scripture before appealing to immediate experience.
- 4. Describe the message Jesus told His disciples to proclaim.
- 5. List several blessings of the Christian life that depend on Christ's risen life.

STUDY THE BIBLE LESSON

The Son of Man is resurrected • Luke 23:50-24:53



Lesson Summary

When Jesus died, all hope seemed lost. The disciples were crushed by Jesus' death and their own failure. But Jesus gave them lots of evidence of His resurrection so that they could have hope and joy once again. The tomb was empty, angels said Jesus was alive, and the grave cloths were left behind. Jesus revealed how the Old Testament had predicted His death and resurrection, and He appeared several times. Finally, He ascended to heaven, leaving His disciples to spread the good news.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The resurrection is essential to the gospel. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, He could not forgive sins or give eternal life to anyone. He would not be the Son of God, and He would not be able to help believers live a victorious life while they are in this world. But because He has risen from the dead, He has destroyed the power of sin and death. As the Lord of life, He offers life to anyone who repents.



The Son of Man anticipates His death Luke 22:7–20, 39–46 The Son of Man is crucified Luke 22:47-53; 23:26-49 The Son of Man is resurrected Luke 23:50-24:53

THE SON OF MAN REDEEMS

Lesson Commentary Jesus rose from the dead.

Luke wrote his gospel to give certainty that Jesus really is the answer to all the hopes and fears of the human race (Luke 1:4, 68-79; 2:11, 14, 29-32, 38). The disciples believed this and left everything to follow Jesus (18:28–30). So their hopes soared during Jesus' final week. On Monday, they watched Jesus' triumphal entry. On Tuesday, He cleansed the temple. On Wednesday and Thursday He taught the people and silenced the religious leaders. It seemed the kingdom had come. But on Thursday night everything changed. In less than 24 hours He was arrested, condemned, crucified, and buried. All their hopes were extinguished. How could a dead man be the Savior of mankind? But then evidence began trickling in. It was hard to 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 empty tomb shows Jesus is risen (23:50–24:12)

The first piece of evidence is the empty tomb. The tomb itself confirmed yet again 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

THINK ABOUT IT Every Sunday the church gathers to celebrate the Lord's day, the day Jesus rose from the dead (Acts 20:7; Rev 1:10). women found the tomb empty (24:1–3). In addition, the linen cloths showed the body had not been taken, for a grave robber would not have left the cloths intact (24:12). The empty tomb and abandoned cloths point to a risen Lord.

Then two angels confirmed that Jesus was alive. 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. Having died and risen again, He is alive forever (Rev 1:18). Death no longer is master over Him (Rom 8:9).

The women went and told the men (Luke 24:9–10), highlighting 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.

The journey to Emmaus shows that Jesus is risen (24:13–35)

The women had been perplexed (24:4), the disciples were skeptical (24:11), and now the two disciples traveling to Emmaus were also confused (24:13–24). Even though Jesus had predicted His resurrection, the disciples had not taken it literally (Mark 9:10), and the women had forgotten about it (Luke 24:7). The disciples' doubt is an additional piece of evidence. It shows again that Luke is being honest, since he is willing to depict the disciples' weakness. But the doubt also shows that the disciples were not gullible or whimsical dreamers. Rather, like many people today, they were skeptics. So when they finally did believe without any doubt, it points to one thing: a truly risen Lord.

Instead of revealing Himself right away, Jesus affirmed Scripture as the highest authority (24:25–27; 2 Pet 1:19). The Old Testament

THINK ABOUT IT Though our experiences may lead us to confusion and doubt, we can be confident in Scripture.

illustrated Jesus' death over and over again through animal sacrifice (Gen 4:3–5; 8:20) that was substitutionary (Gen 22:13–14; Exod 12:5–7) and atoning (Lev 1:4; 4:20; 6:7; 16:6). Scripture anticipated the cross (Num 21:9; John 3:14–15) and predicted that

STUDY THE BIBLE LESSON



THINK ABOUT IT God used the circumstances of Joseph's life to rescue countless nations from starvation (Gen 41:56–57).

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 all of this be true? Only by resurrection.

While Scripture is the ultimate authority, Jesus understands human weakness, so He graciously satisfied the disciples' need to recognize the truth with their own eyes (Luke 24:28–35).Thus the disciples moved from sadness to skepticism to certainty. Although Christians no longer see Him (John 16:10), we may still have certainty that He is alive. This is primarily through Scripture (1 John 5:13), but Jesus' presence in us also gives assurance (Gal 2:20). The more we submit by the Spirit to Christ's commands, the more we will experience Jesus' risen life in us (John 15:10; 1 John 3:24).

The appearance to the disciples shows that Jesus is risen (24:36–43)

Jesus then appeared to multiple disciples at once, proving that He was not a hallucination (Luke 24:36– 38). He showed them His hands and feet and ate fish, proving that He was not a ghost (24:39–43).But as with the two on the road to Emmaus, Jesus turned their attention back to God's Word (24:44–46). This time, however, He included 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.

Jesus' risen life is the reason for the Christian life (24:44–53)

We must be certain that Jesus rose from the dead because the resurrection is a critical part of the

The Son of Man is resurrected • Luke 23:50-24:53

gospel (24:46–48; 1 Cor 15:1–20). The resurrection confirms that Jesus is the Son of God (Rom 1:4), and it shows us that God accepts Christ's sacrifice for our sins (4:24–25). It also shows that the gospel is more than payment for sin. Christ's physical, resurrected body shows us that we will have physical, resurrected bodies (Phil 3:21), perfectly designed for the New Earth, where we will enjoy God and serve Him in His

presence forever, just as we were originally designed to do (Rev 22:1–5; Gen 1:26–2:15). Because the resurrection is so essential to the gospel, the disciples preached it regularly (Acts 2:22–32). And so must we.

THINK ABOUT IT Only those who believe in the resurrection have saving faith (Rom 10:9–10).

Many other blessings also flow from Christ's risen life. The risen Christ gives us new life and sets us free from the life of sin (Rom 6:4–14). He enables us to overcome the world (1 John 4:4). He intercedes for us as our great and kind High Priest (Heb 2:17; 4:15; 7:25). He gives us hope and peace by being with us (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 the risen Christ enables believers to overcome sin (Gal 5:16), gives them understanding of Himself in Scripture (Ps 119:18; 1 John 2:27), empowers their witness about Christ to all nations (Acts 1:8), and equips them to serve each other (1 Cor 12:7).

But the best part is still to come, because the hardship of the Christian life in this world is only worth it if there is better life to come (15:14–19). Therefore, the biggest blessing of Christ's risen life is that it secures our perfect life forever in heaven(15:20–26, 51–57). Since the prophecies of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection were fulfilled, we can have great hope that God will fulfill the rest too. And as we hope in the risen Christ, we will serve Him with great joy as the disciples did (Luke 24:50–53).

Lesson Outline

Jesus rose from the dead.

AGES 3–5 LESSON OUTLINE

Trust Jesus for new life because...

- 1. The empty tomb shows He is alive (23:50–24:3).
- 2. The angels said He is alive (24:4–12).
- 3. The Old Testament shows He is alive (24:13-27).
- 4. Jesus' appearance shows He is alive (24:28–43).
- 5. The changed lives of Christians shows He is alive (24:44–53).

AGES 6–11 LESSON OUTLINE

- (23:50-24:12).
 - Evidence 1: The women were sure Jesus' tomb was empty (23:50-24:3).
 - Evidence 2: The women heard from angels that Jesus was alive (24:4-8).
 - Evidence 3: The women were the first witnesses (24:9-12).

- 1. The empty tomb shows Jesus is risen 2. The journey to Emmaus shows that Jesus is risen (24:13-35).
 - Evidence 4: The two disciples were doubtful and confused (24:13-24).
 - Evidence 5: The two disciples realized that Scripture predicted the resurrection (24:25-27).
 - Evidence 6: The two disciples and Peter recognized Jesus (24:28-35).
 - 3. The appearance to the disciples shows that Jesus is risen (24:36-43).
 - Evidence 7: Jesus appeared to multiple disciples at once (24:36-38).
 - Evidence 8: Jesus showed His hands and feet and ate fish (24:39-43).
 - Evidence 9: Jesus had predicted His resurrection (24:44–46).
 - 4. The appearance to the disciples shows that Jesus is risen (24:36-43).
 - Because Jesus is risen, Christians preach repentance and forgiveness (24:47–48).
 - Because Jesus is risen, Christians are empowered by the Holy Spirit (24:49).
 - Because Jesus is risen, Christians worship with great joy (24:50-53).







TEACH THE BIBLE LESSON

The Son of Man is resurrected • Luke 23:50-24:53



Lesson Questions

Use these questions to teach or to review this week's lesson.



Ages 3–5 Lesson Questions

- 1. Was Jesus in the tomb when the women came on Sunday morning? No. There were only the grave clothes.
- 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.
- **3.** How did Jesus prove that He had a real body? He showed the marks on His hands and feet, and He ate fish.
- 4. After they saw Jesus, were the disciples still sad and afraid? No. They were very happy and courageous.



Ages 6–11 Lesson Questions

- 1. Who were the first to say that Jesus had risen? The angels.
- 2. How does the women's testimony show that this story is true? If Luke was making up the story, he would not have relied so much on the testimony of women. Also, the women knew exactly which tomb Jesus was buried in.
- How does the disciples' doubt show us that this story is true?
 It shows that they didn't make it up or believe a fake story. It took a lot of evidence to convince them.
- 4. 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.
- 5. What are two Old Testament passages that talk clearly about Jesus' death and resurrection? Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22.
- 6. 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.
- 7. What does Jesus' resurrection body show us about what we will be? Like Jesus' body, our bodies will be real, human, and physical, but also much better and able to do things they can't do now.
- 8. Does a person have to believe the resurrection to be a Christian? Why? Yes. The blessings of eternal life come from the living Jesus: forgiveness, new life, victory over sin, the Holy Spirit, understanding of Scripture, hope for eternal life to come, etc.

Lesson Activities

Choose from the following ideas to introduce, illustrate, and apply this week's lesson.





TOMB

People usually were not buried in tombs. More often, they were put in a grave in the ground. A tomb was a place not in the ground, but in a cave. Some tombs were made from piled rocks or cut stones, and others were chiseled from a solid rock. To illustrate this for the children, create a tomb from a large cardboard box. The sides could be drawn on to look like rocks, and a large cardboard circle could be used to roll in front of the door.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

Play this game like "Telephone." Have the children sit on the floor in rows. Explain that you will whisper the good news to the first child in the row. He should whisper it to the child next to him, and so on. Whisper a simple phrase such as, "Jesus came to die for sinners." When the good news reaches the last child in the row, he should say aloud what he heard. This can be done several times with different messages. At the end of the activity, talk to the children about how messages are spread from one person to another.



THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

To illustrate how the gospel spreads, bring to class a large, transparent container filled with water. During the lesson, discuss with the children how the gospel began in the town of Jerusalem. It was like a tiny drop in a big world. Put a few drops of food coloring in the still water. As the story progresses, the children will see the coloring spread throughout all the water. Jesus commanded the disciples to share the gospel with the entire world.

TAKING HOME A LAMB, PART 3

(See two previous lessons.) Before class, empty the box and set aside the lambs. Place the box back where it was. During class, at the appropriate time during the lesson, open the box and show the children that the lambs are gone. Explain that Jesus had been placed in a tomb for three days, and on Resurrection Sunday, He arose from the dead. When the women and disciples arrived to the tomb, it was empty. When explaining that Jesus showed Himself to the disciples for 40 days, give the children back their lambs to take home.



THE BIG PICTURE

See Year 2 Craft Book, Book 2. Materials: Craft sheet, construction paper, cotton balls, scissors, glue, and crayons.

Directions: Instruct the students to fold a sheet of construction paper into thirds and then open it again. This will create the three frames that will show the progress of events of the Resurrection lessons. Have them color and cut out the three pictures from the craft sheet. Glue the pictures to each of the frames in order. Cotton balls can be glued to the clouds in the third picture. Color, cut out, and glue the words "Jesus is risen; He is risen indeed!"

The Big Picture See Year 2 Craft Book, Book 2



Jesus is risen; He is risen indeed!

TEACH THE BIBLE LESSON

The Son of Man is resurrected • Luke 23:50-24:53







UNIQUE

Ask the children what makes them unique. Do they have any physical things that make them different from other people? Do they have any scars that remind them of past injuries? Tell the children that today they will learn about a man who had scars that proved He was who He said He was. Jesus' scars are a testimony to what He did on the cross. After Jesus rose from the dead, at first His disciples did not believe it was Him. But once they saw His scars, they knew it really was Him.

GREAT NEWS!

Ask the children if they have any good news they would like to share. Have they ever had such great news that they wanted to tell everyone? Allow the children to share some examples of great news they have had. Explain that Jesus gave the disciples some great news before He returned to heaven, and He asked that all Christians share that good news with others.



TESTIMONY

To teach the children the concept of a witness and testimony, choose one child to go into the hallway and look at a picture. After he returns to the room, he should describe the picture without telling what it is. The other children should try to figure out what the picture is based on the child's description. This could lead into a discussion about the people who were witnesses to Jesus' resurrection.

FAITH

Faith is believing the truth of God's Word and responding appropriately. So faith is easier to recognize than to explain. Faith always requires an object, and the only rightful object of our faith is God and His Word. Illustrate this for the children by talking about various examples of trust. For example, a mountain climber trusts that his ropes will hold him. When we drive a car, we trust that the brakes will stop the car. When we go on a boat, we trust that it will keep us floating above the water. Each of these things can fail at times, but God never will!



HE IS NOT HERE

See Year 2 Craft Book, Book 2. Materials: Craft sheets, white cardstock, various color construction paper, cotton balls, grass, flowers, scissors, and glue.

Directions: Give the students each a sheet of white cardstock and other various supplies. Instruct them to create a scene that the women might have seen when they came to Jesus' tomb early in the morning. They should put the tomb in the middle of the page, add plants and trees, and then glue the memory verse at the bottom. (For younger students, it may be best to precut tombs, stones, plants, etc.)

He Is Not Here See Year 2 Craft Book, Book 2



AGES 9–11 📕



GOOD NEWS SKIT

Choose two or three volunteers to pretend to be selling newspapers on the day of Christ's resurrection. As they walk around 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 went to the tomb. but Jesus was gone. The third should talk about Jesus' appearance to two of His disciples who were on their way to Emmaus. Then all three should agree that Jesus' conquering death showed that He was in fact the Messiah who came to pay for the sins of man.

LAST WORDS

A person's last words are important. What would you say if today was your last day with someone you loved? 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.



BEST EVIDENCE

Of all the evidences for Jesus' resurrection we've considered today, the best is God's word. Jesus appealed to the Bible before appealing to personal experience, and so should we. Look up 2 Peter 1:16–21, and read it as a class. Explain that Peter, even though he saw Jesus' transfiguration and heard God's voice (2 Pet 1:17–18), ranked God's word above all other revelation–even his own eyewitness experience.

IN VAIN

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 (1 Cor 15:12–19). Illustrate this with one or more of the following examples: a flashlight without batteries; completing the wrong homework assignment; going to the store to return a purchase but forgetting the receipt; taking out the trash on the wrong day; putting the clothes in the dryer but forgetting to turn it on; bringing the groceries inside but leaving the ice cream on the counter.



RESURRECTION RESPONSE

Talk with the children 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.