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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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## He Has Risen Luke 24:1-12, 30-35

### Aim and Application of the Lesson

The lesson reviews the understanding of the reality of the post-resurrection events of biblical history related to Jesus and how **He Has Risen**. The **study's aim** is to understand that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is crucial to the transformation of people. The **study's application** is to give assurance that Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead and to make this truth central in our message to unbelievers.

*(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)*

### Lesson Introduction and Background

Our text this week is a ringing summary statement, part of which has become a common Easter response among Christians worldwide. Although almost no one speaks the "hath appeared to Simon" portion these days, the words "the Lord is risen indeed" are heard from many lips. The challenge is retaining our sense of wonder and excitement. The lead-up to this joyful proclamation started earlier in the day when two downcast disciples, only one of whom is named, unknowingly met the resurrected Jesus, who joined them on their walk to the village of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-18). They unburdened themselves of their disappointment and sorrow and then were amazed at the inspired exposition of Scripture they heard on their way. But it was not until the enigmatic stranger broke bread at their destination and then abruptly vanished that they recognized who had stirred their hearts so profoundly (vss. 30-32). Not wanting to keep this revelation to themselves for even one day, the two disciples rushed back to Jerusalem to inform the Eleven, who were gathered along with other followers of Jesus. As fast as they might have traveled, however, they did not come with breaking news, for it was those in the room who responded without hesitation, "The Lord is risen indeed." For the Emmaus disciples, it was confirmation, not the heralding of unheard tidings. Those gathered in the room added in the same breath the detail "and hath appeared to Simon." This was important to them, for as yet the risen Lord had not yet been seen by any of the other apostles. They had heard the reports of the women and had been inclined to discount these (as had the two from Emmaus). But they could not so easily dismiss Simon Peter's testimony; the Lord's early appearance to Peter was foundational in overcoming their doubts and in proclaiming the risen Christ to the world (cf. I Cor. 15:5). It is interesting that aside from the statement in our text, this initial appearance to Peter is not described in any of the Gospels. Many things that Jesus said and did are not recorded for us (cf. John 21:25), but what we are told is sufficient and reliable to build our faith on. The fact that Jesus would appear first to the disciple who had denied Him demonstrates His forgiving and loving approach to His own. The Emmaus disciples were not denied the opportunity to relate their own experience with the risen Lord, and they did so with what must have been the greatest eagerness and alacrity (Luke 24:35). It was as they were finishing their report that the Lord Himself suddenly appeared among them all, greeting them with a word of peace (vs. 36). We may wonder why He did not show Himself to all the disciples immediately after leaving the tomb, thus putting away all doubt at the outset. But the experience of hearing and relaying testimony must have been important. And even the personal appearance among them did not erase all doubts at first. The appearance of the risen Christ is foundational to our faith, but He wants us to rely on the sure word of testimony that He has given us.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

The resurrection assures what Calvary secures

#### **POEM FOR THE WEEK:**

What has that empty sepulcher to say to you and me? It tells us that the Savior's death has set His people free; He died, our sins upon Him laid; He rose, because the debt was paid. —Reich

#### **SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**

*Who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification*

(Rom 4:25 NKJV)

*(from "Our Daily Bread", Apr 12, 1997)*

### **Series: Acknowledging God**

**UNIT: All Glory and Honor**

### NEXT WEEK

**The Risen Lord Appears  
(John 21:1-14)**

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **The Empty Tomb (Luke 24:1-4)**

#### *Women preparing yet an empty tomb (1-3)*

Empty tomb because both natural and supernatural events (Matt 28:2)

Empty tomb yet there was no doubt He was there originally (Mark 15:46-47)

Empty tomb because Jesus was dead but now is alive (Rev 1:18)

#### *Empty Tomb perplexion (4)*

Perplexion because of doubt (Luke 24:37-39)

Perplexion like when Jesus ate after resurrection (John 21:7-14)

Perplexion at the greatness of God (Luke 9:43)

### **The Proclamation of the Angels (Luke 24:5-8)**

#### *Seeing Angels should not include fear (5)*

No fear because God is our helper (Heb 13:6)

No fear because God is our refuge and strength (Ps 46:1-3)

No fear because our trust is in God (Heb 2:13-16)

#### *Jesus has risen (6)*

Jesus has risen because He appeared to Simon (Luke 24:34)

Jesus has risen because it was prophesied (Acts 2:29-32)

Jesus has risen through the power of God (2 Cor 13:4)

#### *Jesus was crucified (7)*

Jesus was crucified at the third hour (Mark 15:25)

We can be assured that Jesus was crucified (Acts 2:36)

Because the Roman soldiers verified it (John 19:31-35)

#### *We will see Jesus again (7-8)*

We will see Jesus again because He will come back the way He left (Acts 1:11)

We will see Jesus again in Heaven (Mark 14:25)

We will see Jesus again because all will see Him (Rev 1:7)

### **The Disbelief of the Disciples (Luke 24:9-12)**

#### *Disbelief that shouldn't stop us from witnessing (9-10)*

Witness to others because Jesus commanded it (Matt 28:18-20)

Witness to others through the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)

Witness to others through teaching (2 Tim 2:2)

#### *Disbelief that causes doubt (11)*

Doubt because of a lack of faith (Matt 14:31)

Doubt because of a lack of understanding (John 10:24)

Doubt causes one to be troubled in his heart (Luke 24:38)

#### *Disbelief that should turn to joy (12)*

Joy because of sharing in the fellowship of Jesus (Phil 3:9-11)

Joy because of salvation through the resurrection of Jesus (1 Peter 3:20-21)

Joy because of the hope provided through Jesus' resurrection (Rom 15:13)

### **The Appearance of Jesus Christ (Luke 24:30-35)**

#### *Jesus experienced through His abiding in us (30)*

Jesus abiding in us as we also abide in His love (John 15:9-10)

Jesus abiding in us so that we may be confident and unashamed when Jesus returns (1 John 2:28)

Jesus abiding in us so that we can walk as He walked (1 John 2:6)

#### *Jesus realized through spiritual eyes (31)*

Spiritual eyes that see God at work (2 Kings 6:17)

Spiritual eyes that see the wonderful things in God's Word (Ps 119:18)

Spiritual eyes that have been enlightened (Eph 1:18)

#### *Jesus realized through inner strength (32)*

Spiritual power in the inner being (Eph 3:16-19)

God renews the inner being (2 Cor 4:16)

God's word brings joy to the inner being (Rom 7:22)

#### *Jesus realized through the assembling of His saints (32)*

Saints assembled to encourage one another (Heb 10:23-25)

Saints assembled for fellowship (Acts 2:42-47)

Saints assembled for prayer (Acts 1:14)

#### *Jesus realized through witnessing (34-35)*

Witnessing about Jesus and Jesus only (1 Cor 2:1-3)

Witnessing about the hope we have (1 Peter 3:15)

Witnessing about Jesus using God's Word (Matt 16:17)