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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
Jesus is alive, our eternal life depends on it

**POEM FOR THE WEEK:**  
Although our Lord was crucified, He rose up from the grave; He paid our penalty for sin, Then showed His power to save. —Sper

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**  
*I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death*  
(Rev 1:18 NKJV)

*(from "Our Daily Bread", Apr 20, 2003)*

**Series: Acknowledging God**

**UNIT: All Glory and Honor**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Follow Me**  
**(John 21:15-25)**

## He Has Risen (Cont.) & Jesus Appears Luke 24:9-12, 30-35; John 21:1-14

**Aim and Application of the Lesson**

The lesson examines to see how the Lord Jesus helps the faith of His disciples in one the times **The Risen Lord Appears**. The **study's aim** is to see how the Lord Jesus is fully capable of meeting all our needs. The **study's application** is to put ourselves in the way of blessing by being available to God.

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

**Lesson Introduction and Background**

Almost two thousand years ago, the risen Lord of the universe served breakfast to seven men (John 21:2) in a quiet place by the Sea of Galilee, garnering no attention from the world but leaving an indelible impression on these disciples. It was several days or perhaps weeks after the momentous events of Easter, and Jesus' disciples had made their way back to Galilee. One evening, Peter and six others decided to go out on the lake fishing. They spent all night at it but caught nothing. At daybreak an unrecognized figure on shore called to them, inquiring about their success. When they answered, the person told them to throw in their nets on the other side of the boat. They did, with immediate results—an enormous haul of fish that strained the nets. Suddenly the stranger's identity was clear; it was unmistakably Jesus. When the men came ashore, they found that the Lord already had a small fire going with some fish frying over it (where those fish had come from is not explained), along with bread. Jesus invited the men to bring some of the fish they had just caught, which they did with some difficulty owing to their great number. It was at this point that the risen Lord of all creation invited His men to sit down and have breakfast. It was not the first time He had humbly served them. His whole ministry had illustrated the truth, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister" (Mark 10:45). We might think that, having risen from the dead and accomplished His primary mission, Jesus' time for serving would be over. Our text, however, sheds light on the character of our Lord, and it is a precious truth that we see. Serving others was not something He did out of expediency or for show; it expressed His loving heart for His people. The disciples' reaction is interesting. "None of the disciples dared ask him, Who are you? They knew it was the Lord". It would appear that at least some of them inwardly desired to ask for a final confirmation of Jesus' identity, but none dared to voice the question. They knew all too well who was speaking to them. The question arises: If they knew it was Jesus, why would they want to ask who it was? We must remember that Jesus' physical appearance after the resurrection was different in some ways. Mary Magdalene had failed to recognize Him at first (John 20:14) as had the two on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-16). Just moments before, the seven disciples had not recognized the Lord until the miraculous catch of fish opened their eyes. Yet now they could not deny whose presence they were in. There are times when we know something with utter certainty even though we may not have access to ordinary ways of ascertaining facts. When God makes something clear— especially truth regarding His Son—let us not doubt or insult Him with demands for further verification.

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## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **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)

### **Realizing Jesus is Always Around (John 21:1-8)**

*Conviction that without Jesus work is fruitless (1-5)*

Work is fruitless if God is not in the center of it (Ps 127:1)

Work is fruitless unless God provides the ability (Deut 8:18)

Work is fruitless unless we remain in Jesus (John 15:4)

*Guidance by Jesus (6)*

Guidance from Jesus to follow Him (Matt 16:24-25)

Guidance from Jesus, the good Shepherd (John 10:3-4, 14-16)

Guidance from Jesus into a spirit of unity (Rom 15:5-6)

*Giving God the glory of successes (7-8)*

Give God the glory as part of our thanksgiving (2 Cor 4:15)

Give God the glory because we are owned by Him (1 Cor 6:20)

Give God the glory in all things that we do (1 Cor 10:31)

### **Fellowship with Jesus (John 21:9-14)**

*Bringing offerings (9-11)*

An offering that is done willingly (2 Cor 8:12)

An offering that is given out of love (Eph 5:1-2)

An offering that is sacrificial (Phil 4:16-18)

*Sharing bread of life (12-13)*

Bread that represents Jesus' body (1 Cor 11:23-25)

Bread from heaven that provides eternal life (John 6:50-51)

Bread that gives life to the world (John 6:32-35)

*Faith strengthened (14)*

Faith strengthened by God to dispel fear (Isaiah 41:10)

Faith strengthened through suffering (1 Peter 1:6-7)

Faith strengthened through maturing in it (2 Peter 1:5-8)