Jesus Magnified

Luke 24

Lesson 21

FIRST DAY: Read Luke 24

The fact that Jesus rose from the dead should give you perpetual joy! As a believer, Jesus' resurrection is the ultimate validation that:

Your sins are forgiven

You have been reconciled to God

You have become a child of God

God's Word is infallible

God's promises are verifiable

Your prayers are heard

God's presence is with you

You have assurance of victory in every trial

Death has become only a transport to glory

You will live and reign forever with Christ

Because Jesus rose from the dead, the past has purpose, the present has productivity, and the future has promise. This is a cause for perpetual joy!

Luke 24 begins with great sorrow. In our study this week, we will accompany sorrowing women who went to the tomb of Jesus. We will walk with two sorrowful men on their way to Emmaus. We will enter a sorrow-filled room of disciples gathered together. All of them expressed perplexity, fear, and sorrow – until they encountered the risen Jesus. Perplexity gave way to understanding. Fear turned to faith and boldness. Sorrow yielded to joy.

No matter how perplexing, fearful, or sorrowful life can be, through the resurrection of Jesus we have cause for perpetual joy!

Ask the Lord to fill you with all joy in believing His truth!

SECOND DAY: Read Luke 24:1-12

- 1. Use Luke 24:1-4 to answer the following about the astounding things that happened *on the first day of the week* :
 - a. Who came to the tomb? (verse 1a)
 - b. What did they bring? (verse 1b)
 - c. What did they find? (verse 2)

- (1) Link this with Matthew 27:64–66 and Mark 16:2–4 to identify why this was remarkable.
- d. What did they not find? (verse 3)
- e. What was their emotional state? (verse 4a)
- f. Describe the appearance of those who *stood by them*. (verse 4b)
- 2. What was the reaction of the women to what they saw? Luke 24:5a
 - a. What does this convey to you about this scene?
 - b. What question were the women asked? Luke 24:5b
 - (1) Why was this question so provocative?
- 3. Print the declaration of the *two men*. Luke 24:6a
 - a. What were the women to *remember*? Luke 24:6b-7
 - b. Link Luke 24:8 with John 14:26. What do you see?

- 4. According to Luke 24:9–11:
 - a. What did the women do? (verse 9)
 - b. List the women who told *these things to the apostles*. (verse 10)
 - c. Describe the effect *their words* had on the apostles. (verse 11)
- 5. Use Luke 24:12 to cite what you find interesting about Peter's actions when:
 - a. He heard the women's report
 - b. He arrived at the tomb
- 6. Consider the varied responses to the news of Jesus' resurrection. What was your first response when you heard about Jesus?
- 7. What is your greatest takeaway from your study today?

THIRD DAY: Read Luke 24:13-35

- 1. According to Luke 24:13, two disciples *were traveling that same day* on the road to Emmaus. Use Luke 24:14–17 to answer the following questions about their journey:
 - a. What did they talk about? (verse 14)
 - b. What happened as they conversed and reasoned? (verse 15)

- c. Why did they not know Him? (verse 16)
- d. What did Jesus ask them? (verse 17)
- 2. Note Cleopas' response to Jesus. What does this convey to you about *the things which happened*? Luke 24:18
- 3. From Luke 24:19–24 capture the perplexity of the two disciples by commenting on their explanations about:
 - a. Who Jesus was (verse 19)
 - b. What happened to Jesus (verse 20)
 - c. What they had hoped Jesus would do (verse 21a)
 - d. What day it was (verse 21b)
 - e. What the *women* had told them (verses 22–23)
 - f. What certain others *found* (verse 24)
 - (1) How would you describe the demeanor of the two disciples at this point?

- 4. When they finished their explanation, what did Jesus say to them concerning:
 - a. Their hearts (verse 25)
 - b. The Christ (verse 26)
 - c. Moses and all the Prophets (verse 27)
 - (1) Link this with Psalm 40:6-8 and John 5:39. What do you see?
- 5. When they *drew near to the village*, Jesus *indicated that He would have gone farther*, but they urged Him *to stay with them* (Luke 24:28–29). From Luke 24:30–31 describe what happened during their meal.
- 6. Detail what the two disciples said about their experience with Jesus on the road. Luke 24:32
 - a. Share a time you had a similar experience with Jesus.

- 7. From Luke 24:33–35 summarize:
 - a. What the two disciples did *that very hour* (verse 33)
 - b. What they were told by *the eleven* (verse 34)

- c. What *things* the two disciples shared (verse 35)
 - (1) What change do you see in the demeanor of Cleopas and the other disciple?
- 8. What captivates you most about the journey on the Emmaus Road?

FOURTH DAY: Read Luke 24:36-43

- 1. According to Luke 24:36, what happened as the two disciples *said these things*?
 - a. Print Jesus' greeting to them.
 - (1) Considering the disciples' behavior in the garden and at His trial, why was this a remarkable greeting?
 - (a) How does this minister to you?
 - b. Comment on their reaction. Luke 24:37
 - (1) Why do you think they reacted this way?
- 2. According to Jesus, what was going on in the disciples' *hearts*? Luke 24:38

- a. How does this speak to you?
- 3. What proof did Jesus offer for the reality of His presence? Luke 24:39-43
 - a. Why do you think Jesus did this?
- 4. What change do you see in the disciples' demeanor? Luke 24:41a
- Use the following Scriptures to cite the transforming effect of Jesus' resurrection:
 a. Romans 8:11
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 4:13–14
 - c. Hebrews 7:25
 - (1) What effect does the resurrection have on you today?

FIFTH DAY: Read Luke 24:44-49

- 1. After demonstrating that He was truly risen from the dead, Jesus spoke with His disciples. What did He tell them in Luke 24:44?
 - a. In what way does this speak to you concerning:
 - (1) The Law of Moses
 - (2) The Prophets
 - (3) The Psalms
 - (4) Jesus
- 2. What was opened to the disciples? Luke 24:45a
 - a. Why did Jesus do this? Luke 24:45b
 - b. What do you think this moment must have been like?
 - (1) Link this with Ephesians 1:17–19 and write a brief prayer asking God to open your *understanding* today.

- 3. Jesus then commissioned His disciples for ministry and service. Use His words in Luke 24:46–49 to cite and comment on:
 - a. The message (verses 46–47a)
 - b. The mission field (verse 47b)

- c. The men (verse 48 and Acts 1:8b)
- d. The *Promise* (verse 49a)
 - (1) Link this with Acts 1:8 to explain this *Promise*.
- e. The instruction (verse 49b)
- 4. Why is it crucial for the Church to remember Jesus' commission?
 - a. Why is it important for you to remember this?

SIXTH DAY: Read Luke 24:50-53

- 1. Use the following Scriptures to highlight what Jesus did:
 - a. Luke 24:50
 - b. Luke 24:51
 - (1) What blesses you most about this scene?
- 2. From Acts 1:9–11 summarize what happened as the disciples *watched*.

- a. Capture this moment as you describe the disciples' reaction to what they saw. Luke 24:52
- 3. Contrast the demeanor of the disciples in Luke 24:11, 16, 17b, 25, 37 with what you observe in Luke 24:53. Share your discoveries.

- 4. From your study of Luke 24, describe how the following people were transformed by the resurrection of Jesus:
 - a. The women
 - b. Cleopas and the other disciple
 - c. The eleven
- 5. Share an aspect of Jesus' resurrection that ministers to you today.

6. How was Jesus magnified through your study this year?