



# THE RESURRECTED JESUS IN THE HOUSE

Luke 24:13–47 and John 20:19–29

<sup>13</sup>Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And they talked together of all these things which had happened. <sup>15</sup>So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. <sup>17</sup>And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?” <sup>18</sup>Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup>But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. <sup>23</sup>When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. <sup>24</sup>And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

<sup>28</sup>Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. <sup>29</sup>But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and

gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread. <sup>36</sup>Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” <sup>37</sup>But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.” <sup>40</sup>When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup>But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” <sup>42</sup>So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. <sup>43</sup>And He took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” <sup>45</sup>And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

—Luke 24:13–47

<sup>19</sup>Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” <sup>22</sup>And

*when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup>And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” <sup>27</sup>Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” <sup>28</sup>And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”*

—John 20:19–29

### **Read Luke 24:13–47 and John 20:19–29**

Receiving good news is always uplifting, especially since the world is filled with so much bad news! Terrible atrocities, tragedies, and scandals have become the standard fodder of what we receive from daily news reports. The news has become so bad that we have conditioned ourselves to expect the worst. Therefore, when good news comes, it is unexpected, joyous, and comforting!

The disciples had heard and seen the worst miscarriage of justice when Jesus was arrested, brutalized, condemned, and crucified. It must have seemed like all their hopes—faith in mankind, religion, and God—were dashed. They had invested their lives, their hearts, and their trust in Jesus. They had seen Him do miracles: healing the sick, making the lame walk, giving sight to the blind, raising the dead, casting out demons, feeding multitudes, calming storms, and walking on water. Jesus had always said and done the right thing. He had been so wise, wonderful, and invincible. The crucifixion of Jesus

seemed to be the worst news possible. Yet, all that changed for the disciples when God made the bad news the best news ever by raising Jesus from the dead! It was then that all the demonic powers, all the barriers to God, all the cruelty of mankind—and even death itself—was dealt the lethal blow of defeat. God had, in fact, used the cross as the means of victory against the host of darkness.

Until the day when Jesus appeared to the disciples, they had been devastated and hopeless. However, the sight, touch, and words of the risen Savior radically altered their perspective, attitudes, and trajectories. They were transformed by their encounter with the risen Jesus!

In the midst of the bad news we hear and see every day, there is great news. The great news is that Jesus has conquered death and with it the power of Satan and sin! There is more great news: Jesus is coming and will ransom the world from death, darkness, and evil and set up His everlasting kingdom of righteousness on the earth—and we get to be part of it! Jesus said, *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* (Revelation 1:18).

May your heart burn and your joy overflow as you read about the visitation of our risen Lord to His disciples!

1. Luke 24:13–27 recalls the consternation of two disciples walking toward the city of Emmaus. As they traveled on the road, they were distraught over the crucifixion of Jesus and perplexed by the news from some of the women who followed Jesus that He was risen. They talked with each other about these things when, unbeknownst to them, Jesus Himself began to walk and converse with them. On the road, *beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.* When they reached Emmaus, the disciples asked Jesus to abide with them. From Luke 24:30–31, note and comment on:

- a. What Jesus did in the house
  - b. What happened to the disciples
2. According to Luke 24:32, during their time with Jesus, what had the disciples:
    - a. Felt
    - b. Heard
    - c. Had opened to them
  3. Describe what these disciples did next? Luke 24:33–35
  4. Use Luke 24:36–43 to share your thoughts concerning:
    - a. The appearance of Jesus
    - b. The greeting of Jesus
    - c. The reaction of the disciples

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The text is not gender specific concerning the two disciples on the Emmaus Road. Many Bible scholars believe that the other disciple could have been a woman, and maybe even Cleopas' wife.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The Greek word *ekratounto* for “were restrained” is in the passive form and signifies that there was divine intervention that kept the disciples from recognizing Jesus.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*Romans conducted crucifixions at major public crossroads to make an example of the victims and warn others against revolt. It was unthinkable to these disciples that a Passover pilgrim would not have heard about Jesus' crucifixion.*<sup>42</sup>

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*It is interesting to me that when Jesus handed the disciples the bread, they recognized Him. Is it possible that they then saw the nail prints in His hands?*

—Pastor Chuck Smith

- d. Jesus' questions
  - e. Jesus' invitation to the disciples
  - f. Jesus' request and meal
5. Use Luke 24:44–47 to cite what Jesus said about:
- a. His words to them
  - b. Scripture
  - c. His suffering
  - d. Repentance and remission of sins
6. John gave a few more details on what the room was like when Jesus appeared in the midst of the disciples. What details do you pick up from John 20:19 about:
- a. The time
  - b. The doors
  - c. The attitude of the disciples

7. What was the reaction of the disciples to Jesus' appearance?  
John 20:20
  
8. Use John 20:21–23 to describe:
  - a. The commission of Jesus
  
  - b. The gift of Jesus
  
  - c. The promise of Jesus
  
9. The disciple Thomas was absent from the room when Jesus first appeared to the disciples. However, he continued to keep company with the disciples. Use John 20:24–29 to highlight:
  - a. What Thomas heard
  
  - b. Thomas' stipulations for believing
  
  - c. What Thomas saw eight days later

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Eight days later: In those days, time was measured by including the current day, and then counting forward. Sunday became the Lord's Day because Jesus rose on a Sunday (Revelation 1:10).

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*Peace be with you:  
After their desertion  
of Jesus on the day  
of His crucifixion, the  
disciples probably  
expected words of  
rebuke or blame.  
Instead, Jesus brought  
a word of peace,  
reconciling peace.<sup>43</sup>*

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*What did Jesus mean  
when He said to  
His disciples, "If you  
forgive the sins of  
any, they are forgiven  
them?" I think that  
one of the most joyful  
experiences that a  
child of God has is to  
lead a person through  
the sinner's prayer. It's  
always a joy to me to  
be able to look them  
square in the eye and  
say to them, "God  
has nothing against  
your account; you're  
completely forgiven,  
every sin you've ever  
committed."*

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*The words Lord and God occur together in the OT more than one thousand times.<sup>44</sup>*

- d. What Thomas was invited to do
  - e. What Thomas declared
  - f. What Thomas was told by Jesus
10. What is your greatest takeaway from the resurrected Jesus in the house?

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*

—John 20:30–31