

Sunday School Lesson

April 9, 2023

The Lord Appears

Luke 24:36-53

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Question for Us Today

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**How do you feel about the
Crucifixion and Resurrection of
Jesus?**

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand Luke's Gospel account of the post-Crucifixion appearances of Christ Jesus.

Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Luke

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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3. Lesson Context

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5. Remember These Things

Points of Information – Luke

Luke was a Gentile, not a Jew. He was a medical doctor by profession. In Colossians 4:14, the Apostle Paul refers to Luke as “the beloved physician.”

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Luke was not one of the Twelve Disciples. He was a co-traveler, dear friend and ministerial colleague with the Apostle Paul.

Points of Information – Luke

The Gospel according to Luke, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, is one of the three Synoptic Gospels – along with those of Matthew and Mark. These Gospels closely match one another in content and sequence. Yet, large segments of the Lukan Gospel are unique.

Points of Information – Luke

Luke also wrote the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. In that Book, Luke details momentous events in Christian history: the monumental Day of Pentecost, the stoning of Stephen (the first Christian martyr), the Damascus Road conversion of Saul/Paul and more. It is believed that Luke might have written at least one more Book of Scripture, which has been lost.

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Lesson Context - 1

Today's Scriptural segment takes place after our lesson last week, where Jesus surprised and then blessed two men who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

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Lesson Context - 2

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The two men reported on their experience with the risen Jesus to the gathered disciples. Then suddenly, Jesus appeared again!

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Text – UMI Outline #1

Luke 24:36-43

**Jesus' Appearance to His Disciples
Behind Closed Doors**

Luke 24:35 (NLT) SETTING IT UP!

Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized Him as He was breaking the bread.

Luke 24:36

And just as they were telling about it, Jesus Himself was suddenly standing there among them.

"Peace be with you," He said.

Luke 24:37

But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

Luke 24:38-39

"Why are you frightened?" He asked.

"Why are your hearts filled with doubt?"

Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."

Luke 24:40-41

As He spoke, He showed them His hands and His feet.

Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

Luke 24:42-43

**They gave Him a piece of broiled
fish,**

and He ate it as they watched.

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Text – UMI Outline #2

Luke 24:44-49

**Jesus' Appearance to His Disciples
In Jerusalem**

Luke 24:44-45

Then He said, **"When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled."**

Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Luke 24:46-47

And He said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.

It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of His Name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'

Luke 24:48-49

You are witnesses of all these things.

And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from Heaven."

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Text – UMI Outline #3

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Luke 24:50-53

Jesus' Ascension

Luke 24:50-51

Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting His hands to Heaven, He blessed them.

While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up to Heaven.

Luke 24:52-53

So they worshipped Him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy.

And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

Remember these things:

Jesus is coming back!

Let us prepare ourselves to meet Him!

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