

JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES: LUKE 24:35-45

³⁵ 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. ³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus Himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,” He said. ³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

³⁸ “Why are you frightened?” He asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt? ³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ As He spoke, He showed them His hands and His feet.

⁴¹ Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then He asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and He ate it as they watched.

⁴⁴ 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.” ⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES: INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the Scripture passage.
2. The disciples did not immediately recognize Jesus.
Sometimes we struggle to recognize Jesus at work in our lives and in our situations.
3. Take a moment to repent of any unbelief that may be visiting you.
4. Take a moment to reflect on the provided list of some of God's attributes. Read them out loud in faith.
5. Pray that God would open your mind to understand how He is at work fulfilling the promises He has given to you.

GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

The Lord is the **STRENGTH** of my life. Psalm 27:1

The Lord is the **SUSTAINER** of my soul. Psalm 54:4

The name of the Lord is a **STRONG TOWER**. Prov. 18:10

God is my **SHIELD, MY STRONGHOLD, MY REFUGE, MY SAVIOR**. 2 Samuel 22:3

God will uphold me with His **RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND**. Isaiah 41:10

God is the one **WHO GOES WITH ME**. He will not **LEAVE ME NOR FORSAKE ME**. Deuteronomy 31:6

God is the one who **HEALS** me. Exodus 15:26

God **SUPPLIES** every need of mine according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

God is **REDEEMER**, the **LORD OF HOSTS** is His name. The **HOLY ONE** of Israel. Isaiah 47:4

I, even I, am the **LORD**, and there is no **SAVIOR** besides Me. Isaiah 43:11

God is **FAITHFUL** to all His promises and **LOVING** toward all He has made. Psalm 145:13

I believe that I shall see the **GOODNESS** of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: LUKE 24:46-53

⁴⁶And He [Jesus] said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷It 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.’ ⁴⁸You are witnesses of all these things.

⁴⁹“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.”

⁵⁰Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting His hands to heaven, He blessed them. ⁵¹While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up to heaven. ⁵²So they worshiped Him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. ⁵³And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the Scripture passage.
2. The disciples were told to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit.
3. What has God promised to do for you or for your household that you are waiting on.
4. Take a moment to praise God for what He has promised.
5. Underneath the following Scripture, write one promise from God that you are waiting to see fulfilled.

For all of God's promises find their "yes" of fulfillment in Him [Jesus]. And as His "yes" and our "amen" ascend to God, we bring Him glory! 2 Corinthians 1:20 (TPT)

6. Pray for God's completion. Place this verse and the promise you wrote in a visible place as a reminder to keep praying.

JESUS APPEARS TO THOMAS: JOHN 20:24-29

²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in His hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in His side.”

²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” He said. ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”

²⁸ “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing Me.”

JESUS APPEARS TO THOMAS: INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the Scripture passage.
2. Thomas wanted evidence of the fulfillment of God's promise.
3. What has God promised and already done for you or your household?
4. Take a piece of paper and put a line across it to represent your life (a timeline). On your timeline, jot down promises God made to you that have already been fulfilled.

THE RESURRECTION: LUKE 24:1-12

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ³So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.

⁵The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? ⁶He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what He told you back in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that He would rise again on the third day."

⁸Then they remembered that He had said this. ⁹So they rushed back from the tomb to tell His eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. ¹¹But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. ¹²However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

THE RESURRECTION: INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the Scripture passage.
2. The women at the empty tomb were told to “remember what Jesus said to them concerning His death and resurrection” back in Galilee. They did remember and it became cause for their celebration. They ran back to share with others!
3. Share with someone else by messenger, text, or in our chat why the resurrection of Jesus brings you great joy.

THE GREAT COMMISSION: MATTHEW 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him—but some of them doubted!

¹⁸ Jesus came and told His disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

PSALM 105:1-6

Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim His greatness. Let the whole world know what He has done. ² Sing to Him; yes, sing His praises. Tell everyone about His wonderful deeds. ³ Exult in His holy name; rejoice, you who worship the LORD. ⁴ Search for the LORD and for His strength; continually seek Him.

⁵ Remember the wonders He has performed, His miracles, and the rulings He has given, ⁶ you children of His servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, His chosen ones.

PSALM 107:1-2

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever. ² Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies.

THE GREAT COMMISSION: INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the Scripture passages.
2. The prophet Isaiah speaks of the beauty of the feet of those who bring good news. We have good news to share as the above Scriptures remind us.
3. Make a commitment between you and God as to how you will share the gospel message with others in this coming year between now and next Easter.
4. Use sticky notes to write the first name(s) of those you are praying for to come to salvation. Place the sticky notes in a visible place where you can pray.
5. Take a moment to pray for the name(s) you wrote.