

Note: *Jesus' Resurrection crowns the story of all four Gospels. In Luke, Jesus' disappearance from the tomb is only the initial evidence of his rising. He soon appears to the disciples, eats in their presence, and invites them to touch his risen body. These are some of the "many proofs" that testify to the miracle of Easter.*

1. When the women of Galilee went to the tomb of Jesus, they found the stone rolled away and an empty tomb. (Luke 24:1-3)
 - a. Why did they go to the tomb? (Luke 24:1)
 - b. How did the women respond when "suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them"? (Luke 24:4-5)
 - c. What did the two men say to the women that made them believe what they were being told? (Luke 24:6-8)
 - d. What was the apostles' reaction when the women told them of the empty tomb? (Luke 24:10-12)
2. What were the two disciples talking about as they walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus? (Luke 24:13-25)
3. The disciples didn't recognize Jesus initially. What assumptions, expectations, or distractions might be keeping you from seeing Christ's presence?
4. What did Jesus explain to the two disciples that began to change their hearts? (Luke 24:22-27)
5. Why do you think the disciples wanted Jesus to stay with them? (Luke 24:29, 32)
6. What is the evidence that these two Emmaus disciples were present at the Last Supper and were part of the close-knit group of disciples? (Luke 24:30-31)
7. The disciples' hearts burned as they listened to Jesus. (Luke 24:32) How can you cultivate a deeper love and passion for Christ in your own heart?
8. What is the evidence that some of the disciples still did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead? (Luke 24:37-38, 41) How did Jesus prove to them that he had risen? (Luke 24:41-42)
9. What two basic revelations of the scriptures did Jesus emphasize, and what role were his disciples to play regarding these revelations? (Luke 24:44-48)
10. Use the handout that gives the three different versions of the Commissioning of the Apostles and the Lord's Ascension. (Matt 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:44-53)
 - a. What points do all three include?
 - b. Is there anything unique in Luke's account?
 - c. Which gospel gives us the new formula for baptism? (Peter and Paul baptized people simply "in the name of Jesus Christ" (See Acts 2:38, 10:48), or "in the name of the Lord Jesus." (See Acts 8:16, 19:5)

If you would like a challenge?

11. Why would the disciples in the Upper Room believe the report of Jesus' resurrection by the two disciples from Emmaus, and not the earlier testimony of the women?