



19-Minute Bible Study

Luke 24

VERY IMPORTANT CHAPTERS

Genesis 1	Creation
Genesis 2	Marriage
Genesis 3	Fall into Sin
Genesis 4	Cain and Abel
Genesis 6-9	The Flood (2)
Genesis 11	Tower of Babel
Genesis 12	Abraham
Genesis 19	Sodom and Gomorrah
Genesis 22	Abraham Tested
Genesis 28	Jacob's Ladder
Genesis 37	Joseph's Coat of Many Colors
Genesis 41	Joseph Rules
Exodus 2	The Baby Moses
Exodus 3,4	The Burning Bush
Exodus 12	The Passover
Exodus 20	The Ten Commandments
Joshua 6	Jericho's Walls Come Tumbling Down
1 Sam. 17	David and Goliath
2 Sam. 11,12	David and Bathsheba (2)
1 Kings 3	Solomon's Wisdom
2 Kings 2	Chariots of Fire
Psalms 23	The "Good Shepherd" Psalm
Psalms 121	The "Hills" Psalm
Isaiah 53	Christ Our Substitute
Matthew 5-7	The Sermon on the Mount (2)
Matthew 18	Church Discipline
Luke 2	Christmas
Luke 10	The Good Samaritan
Luke 15	The "Lost" Chapter
Luke 19	Palm Sunday
Luke 22,23	Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday (2)
Luke 24	Easter
John 2	Jesus' First Miracle
John 17	Christ's High-Priestly Prayer
Acts 1	Ascension
Acts 2	Pentecost
Acts 9	Saul's Conversion
Acts 16	Paul in Philippi
Romans 3	Righteous through Faith
Romans 8	More than Conquerors
Romans 13	Government
1 Corin. 13	"Agape Love" Chapter
1 Corin. 15	Paul's Great "Resurrection" Chapter
Ephesians 5	Marriage
2 Thess. 2	The Antichrist
Hebrews 11	Heroes of Faith
2 Peter 3	Christ's Second Coming
Rev. 21	Heaven

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'⁸ ⁹Then they remembered his words. ¹⁰When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹¹It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹²But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹³Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. ¹⁴Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁵They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁶As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁷but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁸He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁹One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ²⁰"What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²¹The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²²but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²³In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went

to the tomb early this morning ²⁴but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁵Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁶He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁷Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁸And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁹As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. ³⁰But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. ³¹When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³²Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³³They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" ³⁴They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁵and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁶Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. ³⁷While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁸They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁹He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ⁴⁰Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴¹When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴²And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴³They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴⁴and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁵He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

1. Describe the overall mood of Jesus' followers in this account. What does this say about their faith?

2. Some people deny the physical resurrection of Christ by saying that the Easter account is a legend, or that Jesus merely "swooned" on the cross and was revived by the cool air of his tomb, or that he lives on in a spiritual sense only, "in the hearts of his followers." What are the implications for us if Jesus did not truly die or rise again? How does the text indicate that Jesus was truly dead and that he rose physically from the grave?

3. What assurances do we receive from the Easter account and the following passages?
 - *Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days" (John 2:19).*

 - *[Christ] was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification (Romans 4:25).*

 - *[Jesus said,] "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19b).*

4. How does the Easter account help you as you face the everyday struggles of life? When you look for purpose in your existence? When you look ahead to the day of your death?

Closing Prayer:

O risen Lord Jesus, we praise you. You have conquered sin and death for us and have given us the sure hope of eternal life in heaven. All glory to your saving name! Amen.

Helps

(1) Jesus' followers were frightened, without hope, puzzled, skeptical, sad, and disappointed. They were *slow of heart to believe* that Jesus had risen according to his promise. (2) If Jesus did not truly die, then no payment for our sins has been made. If he did not rise physically, he is still dead, and we have no Savior from sin and death. The text, however, indicates that Jesus was truly dead (for example, it points out that the women went to anoint his dead body and that the disciples thought they saw a ghost) and that he rose physically (for example, the angels' message, and how Jesus showed the disciples his hands and feet and ate in front of them). (3) The Bible passages and Jesus' resurrection assure us that we can trust whatever he says, that through Jesus our Savior we have been declared not guilty by God, and that we too will rise from the dead. (4) The Easter account assures us that as we face the struggles of life, Jesus, our living Savior and Lord, is with us. His resurrection fills our lives with a wonderful and holy purpose: to follow the Emmaus disciples in sharing the message of Christ's love with others. Easter enables us to view our death in peace, knowing that we will rise from the dead and live forever in heaven.