

Unit 27, Session 3

Jesus Appeared to the Disciples

Luke 24; John 20

Story Point: Jesus proved He is alive.

The disciples gathered together in a house. Some of Jesus' disciples had reported seeing Him alive. Was it true? As the disciples talked, Jesus appeared among them and said, "Peace to you!" The disciples were afraid! They thought they were seeing a ghost.

"It's Me!" Jesus said. Jesus showed His disciples His hands and His side. The disciples were so happy to see Jesus! The disciples gave Jesus some fish to eat. Jesus talked to them and explained the Bible to them. "The Bible is about Me," Jesus said.

Then Jesus told the disciples that they had a job to do. Jesus had died and was raised from the dead so that people could be forgiven for their sins. The disciples needed to tell other people to repent from their sins and be forgiven.

One of Jesus' disciples, Thomas, was not

with the others when Jesus visited him. He did not believe that Jesus was alive. Thomas said, "I want to see and touch the holes in His hands and His side, or I will never believe!"

A week later, Thomas was with the disciples when Jesus appeared again. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at My hands. Reach out and touch My side. Don't be an unbeliever; believe!" Thomas did believe. "My Lord and my God!" he said. Jesus said, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Those who believe in Me without seeing Me are blessed."

Christ Connection: For 40 days, Jesus presented Himself to more than 500 people and proved that He is alive. Jesus is still alive today. We have not seen Jesus, but if we believe in Him, we will be blessed. He sends out believers to tell others about Him and gives us power through the Holy Spirit.

EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

• Circle the letter to indicate if the statement is true or false. Then write out the circled letters to discover a command Jesus gave to Thomas.

<u>True</u>	<u>False</u>	
В	А	Jesus said the Bible is all about Him.
Ε	R	The disciples thought Jesus was a ghost.
S	L	John was missing when Jesus appeared.
U	1	The disciples were afraid of the Romans.
Ε	С	Jesus ate fish.
V	Т	Jesus told the disciples to teach about Him.
D	Ε	The disciples gathered on the last day of the week.

• What does this story teach us about God?

• How can we know Jesus even if we've never seen Him?

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•	Why did Thomas doubt th	hat Jesus	was aliv	e when t	the other	disciples
	believed?					

• How are we blessed by believing in Jesus without seeing Him?

• What can we do when we doubt what is true?

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• Find John 11:25 in your Bible and write the words below.

• Write a prayer to God, thanking Jesus that He cares about our doubts. Ask Jesus to help you remember and believe His truths in your heart.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Hebrews 11:1

☐ 1 Corinthians 15:6-8

☐ Mark 11:23

☐ Isaiah 43:10

■ Romans 10:17

□ Acts 2:32