

# Let's Worship God

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Luke



# THE GOSPEL

## ACCORDING TO LUKE

### **Monday - Luke 23:50-56 - Unknown Disciples**

Christ has some disciples of whom little is known. Joseph of Arimathaea is one of them. At the very time when the apostles have forsaken Jesus, Joseph is not ashamed to show his love and respect. There are many believers who may not be well-known in the church, but whose love of Christ is second to none. They may be hidden away in churches and situations where we wouldn't expect to find any true believers, but on the day of judgement, their faithfulness will be revealed.

Christ really does die. His body is taken from the cross. His corpse is wrapped in linen and buried in a tomb. This is a historical fact with numerous witnesses. If Christ hadn't died, that would be the end of the Gospel. Nothing short of His death could have paid man's debt to God. The punishment of sin is eternal death in hell. If Christ had not died in our place, this punishment would be ours. Sinners believing in Jesus can hope and not be afraid. Yes, they are guilty. But Christ has died for the guilty; and their debt is now completely paid.

Finally, there is a small fact found in these verses that often goes overlooked. Jesus' disciples respect and obey the fourth commandment. If ever there is a time when it seems okay to forget to keep the Sabbath, surely this time, when their Lord and Master has been murdered, is one. But the disciples are scrupulous about keeping the Sabbath as a day of rest, even in the midst of their great confusion and grief. Keeping the Lord's Day is good for mind, body, and soul; it is good for the nation and the church.

### **Questions**

1. Why is it necessary for Christ to die?
2. Why do the disciples keep the Sabbath?
3. How can we keep the fourth commandment better?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that Christ has died on the cross and risen again.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” Luke 24:46b-47

**Praise: Psalm 33 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Luke 24:1-12 - Resurrection**

In the same way that Jesus really dies, He really rises again. On Friday morning, His body is safe in the tomb. On Sunday morning His body is gone. Who takes it away? Not His enemies - they want to disprove the resurrection. Not the apostles and other disciples - they are paralysed by their fear and grief. Only one explanation can be given - that of the angels. Christ has risen again and will soon be seen alive and talking in the body by many witnesses. In the same way that Christ's death is necessary for our salvation, His resurrection is also necessary. Christ comes forward triumphantly after atoning for our sins. His resurrection is proof that the payment He made for us has been accepted. The work of salvation has been perfectly accomplished.

The disciples find it all too easy to forget the words of Christ, especially about His resurrection. Now, after the angels remind them, they remember what Jesus has said. We are just as quick to forget the promises and commands of God. We hear a lot that we should hide in our hearts and remember, but we seem to forget as fast as we hear. Often it's trouble in our own lives that helps us to remember what Christ has said in His Word. If we want to guard against this forgetfulness, we need to grow in our love for Christ and focus our minds more and more upon spiritual things. We don't easily forget the things we love, and so the more we love Christ, the more we will remember His words.

God is able to bring good out of unbelief. The first preachers are men who are convinced of the resurrection in spite of themselves, and in spite of determined, obstinate unwillingness to believe. If the apostles at last believe, it is another evidence that the resurrection is true.

### **Questions**

1. Why does Jesus need to rise from the dead?
2. How are the apostles a good argument for the truth of the resurrection?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would hide God's Word in our hearts.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." Luke 24:46b-47

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## **Wednesday - Luke 24:13-35 - Old Testament Messiah**

These two disciples take the time to speak to each other about Christ, and they are greatly blessed. There is a principle here for all Christians - it is good for us to take time to speak to other believers about the things of God. It is good for us to discuss the things in God's Word through METs, it is good for us to talk about the sermon, and ask each other questions, and compare things that we have learned or been taught. We will be encouraged, we will be comforted, we will be warned, and we will learn much more than we could on our own. This is one of the great blessings of the church. If we find it hard to talk to other Christians about Christ, it might be a sign that our relationship with Christ needs to be better, that our hearts may not be right with God. Let us take every opportunity we can to speak to other Christians about Christ, so we, like these men, can be blessed.

These disciples are a perfect example of how badly Christ's followers understand what He has come to do. They think He is like an earthly king, delivering the Jews from the Romans. But Jesus uses the Old Testament to explain the Gospel to them. The Old Testament? Yes, Jesus shows how it is full of references and prophecies about Himself. Christ is the fulfilment of every Old Testament sacrifice found in the law of Moses. Christ is the true Deliverer and King, of whom all the judges and deliverers in Jewish history are types. Christ is the Prophet, whose coming fills the pages of prophets. He is the true seed of the woman who will bruise the serpent's head, - the true seed in whom all nations will be blessed, - the true tabernacle to whom the people are to be gathered, - the true scape-goat, - the true bronze serpent, - the true Lamb, - the true High Priest. The Old Testament is full of Christ.

### **Questions**

1. What do these two disciples talk about on the road?
2. What does Jesus use to explain the Gospel to them?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for God's Word.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." Luke 24:46b-47

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### Thursday - Luke 24:36-43 - Love

Jesus comes to eleven disciples who three days before have shamefully deserted their Master. They have broken their promises. They have forgotten how ready they claimed to be to die for their faith. They have scattered and left Him to die alone. One of them has even denied Him three times. All of them have been cowards. But look what Jesus says to them. Not one word of rebuke, not a single sharp word is spoken. Calmly and quietly He appears in the middle of them and says, "Peace be with you." What an amazing love! Christ is always ready and willing to make our sins as white as snow, to blot them out, to cast them behind His back, to bury them in the sea, and to remember them no more. What sinner is there that needs to be afraid to come to such a Saviour? What Christian has fallen so far that he needs to be afraid of returning? What Christian can not love such a Saviour and willingly obey Him? What Christian can not forgive others as Christ has forgiven Him?

But the disciples are terrified, thinking Christ is a ghost. Instead of commanding them to believe, Christ tells them to touch Him and see that He is real, and He eats to show them that He is flesh and blood. If only we would treat others as kindly and gently as Christ treats His disciples. Like our Lord, we must be patient and long-suffering. We must not cast off those who don't see and understand everything at once. Instead, we should use what means we can to explain to them the truth of the Gospel, patiently and lovingly.

### Questions

1. Why might Jesus have spoken harshly to His disciples?
2. Why doesn't He?
3. Why are the disciples so afraid?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be gentle and patient with others.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." Luke 24:46-47

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### **Friday - Luke 24:44-49 - A Necessity**

Jesus shows His disciples the full meaning of many passages in the Old Testament that they have just not understood. Above all, He shows them the true interpretation of many prophecies about the Messiah. We all need a better understanding of God's Word. Pride and sin cloud our understanding when we read the Bible. We see the words, but we don't understand them unless God helps us. If we want to understand the Bible, we first need to ask Jesus to open our eyes by the Holy Spirit. A humble and prayerful man will find more in the Bible than those that trust in their own understanding and proudly read it for themselves.

When Jesus describes His own death, He speaks of it as necessary for salvation. Without His death, God's law could never have been satisfied, sin could never have been forgiven, man could never have been justified by God, and God could never have shown mercy to man. The cross of Christ is the solution of a huge problem. It makes it possible for God to still be holy and yet forgive sin. It makes it possible for man to draw near to God boldly, and to feel that, even though a sinner, he has hope. Christ by suffering as our Substitute, the just for the unjust, has made a way by which we can draw near to God. Let us not speak of Christ's death as a tragedy but as our only hope of salvation.

Jesus tells His disciples to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Everyone needs to be told that they are sinners, deserving judgement, needing to repent. And they also need to be told that there is hope and forgiveness found in Christ. The disciples have a huge task ahead of them, and they are to begin at home. It is our home, our neighbours, our street, our town, where we are to begin. Let's get started.

### **Questions**

1. How can we better understand the Bible?
2. How should we describe Christ's death to others?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the salvation of family and friends.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." Luke 24:46b-47

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### **Saturday - Luke 24:50-53 - Conquerors**

Jesus leaves His disciples in the very act of blessing them. Jesus has come to earth to bless and not to curse, and blessing He goes. He comes in love and not in anger, and in love He goes away. He comes not as judge, but as a compassionate Friend, and as a Friend He returns to His Father. He has been a Saviour full of blessings to His followers while He is with them. He will be a Saviour full of blessings to them even after He is taken away.

But where does He go? Heaven. He is in the presence of God. He is preparing a place for all His people. As a High Priest, Jesus has gone into heaven to intercede for all who believe on Him. There in the holy of holies He presents on their behalf His own sacrifice, and obtains for them daily supplies of mercy and grace. A day will come when Jesus will return from heaven, to bless His people, gather them together, and restore all things. For that day let us wait, and long, and pray.

Why are the disciples so joyful? Just a short time ago, they are weak, afraid, and depressed, and left as orphans in an angry world. The answer is short and simple. The disciples rejoice because now for the first time they see all things clearly about their Master. They understand it all. Their doubts are removed. Their stumbling-blocks are taken away. They understand now why Christ had to suffer and die; they understand what forgiveness and salvation is and who they serve. And confident in their King, they go out to conquer the world. If we are joyless, it's because our faith is weak. Let us search the Scriptures, prayerfully, digging into it's treasures, so that we can see things more clearly ever day and being filled with joy go out to conquer the world.

### **Questions**

1. Where does Jesus go?
2. What is He doing there?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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**God tells us that  
Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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