## LESSON 12

# JESUS IS RISEN AND HE IS WITH US

#### **O**BJECTIVES

- 1. To understand that if Jesus had not been raised from the dead, our faith would be empty.
- 2. To understand the power of God and that He is able to do all things if we have faith in Him.
- 3. To live a life worthy of the promised salvation.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear."

(Acts 2:33b)

#### **PRAYER**

- 1. Thank God for gathering us here so that we can worship and learn more about His word.
- 2. May God help us follow His teachings so that He will bless us.
- 3. Jesus, please be among us today as we learn about Your word.
- 4. May God help us focus on this lesson and apply its teachings to our lives.





### Overview

#### 1. The Tomb of Jesus

- Jesus had resurrected.
- The angels explained what happened.

#### 2. The Road to Emmaus

- Jesus appeared to the two men.
- Jesus explained the Scriptures to the men.

#### 3. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

- Jesus is the One True God
- The Second Coming of Christ
- 4. Life Application—The Power of God
- 5. Activity—Jesus Is with Us!



## Background Knowledge for Teachers

The two disciples returning to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus when He was walking beside them. They were too upset and disappointed because they were counting on Jesus to redeem Israel, to save them from its enemies. They didn't realize that the Messiah had to come to save the people from slavery and sin. They simply couldn't understand that Jesus' death offered them the greatest hope. After they explained their sadness and confusion, Jesus responded by referring to the Scriptures and applying it to their needs.

This lesson may bring up questions about Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Christ. While the students will learn of the significance of Jesus' resurrection in this lesson, it is something we do not celebrate. Jesus wants us to remember His death, not His birth nor His resurrection. All are important, but if the Bible does not instruct us to celebrate or participate in something, then we shall not.



## Reaching Out to Your Students

At this age, your students may challenge the truth of what they hear. When a student asserts that something happened or repeats an idea he heard, his peers are likely to say, "Oh, yeah? Prove it." Since students want proof at this age, today's Bible story will hit a responsive chord in them. The students' acceptance of the truth usually hinges on the credibility of the source, on the belief that the person who is speaking is trustworthy. Ultimately, of course, our faith depends on the reliability of Jesus and God's word. However, students will come to depend on Christ by first trusting in the people who tell them about Him. As a teacher, we ourselves need to first believe in the message we teach. God's word needs to first be active in our lives. We can't fool the students. They can tell when we're teaching something that isn't vital in our own lives. But when God's word is working in our own lives, our students will sense it, and they can more easily believe in Christ and trust in Him as their Lord and Savior.

One of the goals of today's lesson is to help your students gain assurance of their salvation and Jesus' presence as they study the Bible.



Opener 5 Minutes

Before class, scramble the word "mystery" on the whiteboard or a large piece of paper. You can come up with an easy one or use this: "ysyemrt". Then, have your students copy the scrambled letters down into their notebooks or onto a piece of paper. Tell them to look carefully at the letters and try to rearrange them to make a word that means "a baffling problem."

Give your students two or three minutes to unscramble the word. Afterwards, ask if anyone has any guesses or ideas. Then ask, "Have any of you ever solved a mystery?" [Allow for responses.] What made it a mystery? Some students might answer that they didn't have all the facts, the facts didn't make sense, or the facts were vague. In our Bible story, two men are trying to solve a mystery. They have some clues too, but they don't know how to make sense of them.



**conquer:** to defeat or bring under control; to overcome

#### **Homework Answer Key**

- 1. men, lightning
- 2. risen
- 3. Romans, sin
- 4. True
- 5. True
- 6. It gives us the hope that one day we can rise from the dead as well. Jesus conquered death so that we can conquer death, too.
- 7. It is related to our beliefs that Jesus is the one true God and the only Savior of mankind, and that He will return again to judge the world. Jesus Christ came to this world to die for our sins and resurrected on the third day. Jesus is the one and only Savior of mankind, the Creator of heaven and earth, and the only true God.
- 8. The Lord will give us spiritual bodies just like the body Jesus had after He rose from the dead.

#### Activity Answer Key

#### Across

- 4. spiritual
- 6. hope
- 7. risen
- 8. sin

#### Down

- 1. Emmaus
- 2. forty
- 3. five
- 5. lightning



## Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

#### **FOR TEACHERS**

Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet and tell the students that they will be filling it out as you go through the lesson. Answers are underlined throughout this section. Keep one copy for yourself. Pause when you reach the sections with the underlined words. Allow time for students to fill in the answers before moving on.

Let's open our Bibles to Luke 24.

After Jesus died on the cross, His body was brought to the tomb. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were on their way to the tomb. They had brought spices so that they could put them on Jesus' body. When they arrived at the tomb, they noticed that the extremely heavy stone that sealed Jesus' tomb had been <u>rolled away</u>. They were surprised and wondered what had happened.

While they were thinking about this, two men in clothes that gleamed like <u>lightning</u> suddenly appeared and stood beside them. The women were so scared that they bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is <u>risen!</u> Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" Then they remembered His words.

How would you react if you saw this happen? How would you feel?

When the women returned from the tomb, they told everything to the eleven apostles and to others. But they did not believe that such a thing could have happened. Peter, 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. The strips of linen he saw were pieces of cloth that people used to wrap bodies for burial.

Let's look at Luke 24:13-35. This is our main lesson for today.

Later on that same day, two men were going to a village called <u>Emmaus</u>, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about the things that had happened earlier that day and about the report from the women. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up to them and walked along with them, but these two men were kept from recognizing Jesus. Jesus asked them, "What were you two

just discussing that made you so sad?"

Why do you think they were sad? They were sad because they thought that Jesus came to the world to free the Jewish people from <u>Roman</u> rule. But that was not Jesus' purpose.

One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, "Are You only a visitor to Jerusalem and do You not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"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. The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him; but 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. In addition, some women that we know amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus' body."

Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter into His glory?" And beginning with <u>Moses</u> and all the <u>Prophets</u>, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the <u>Scriptures</u> concerning Himself.

These men jumped to the wrong conclusion. God promised to send Christ and told His people what Christ would be like, but these men didn't understand until Jesus explained the Scriptures to them.

Jesus did not come to the world to set them free from the Romans. He came to set them, and us, free from <u>sin</u>. This must have made these two men very excited and happy.

Even though Jesus does not walk among us today, He still guides us when we need to be corrected in our ways and our thoughts. He does so through the Spirit.

As they approached the village, Jesus pretended that He was going to continue along the path by Himself. But the men strongly urged Him to stay with them since it was getting late. So Jesus went in to stay with them.

When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

Then, at that moment, the men's eyes were opened and they finally recognized Jesus. Immediately, Jesus disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked

with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven and those with them assembled together and said to them, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."

Then the two told everyone what had happened on the way, and how they recognized Jesus after He broke the bread.

In addition to these two men, the women, and Peter, there were many other witnesses who saw Jesus alive after His death. The rest of the disciples saw Him, too. At one point five hundred people saw Him at the same time. And during the forty days between His resurrection and ascension to heaven, the Lord appeared to many of His followers. These are recorded in Acts 1:1-3 and John 20: 19-21.

#### Conclusion

Why is this important to our faith? Jesus gave us a new and living hope through His resurrection (1 Pet 1:3). Jesus' resurrection opens the way to revive our spirit, which had been dead in sin, and restore it to life (Col 2:12-13). Jesus' resurrection also gives life to our mortal bodies in the last days (Rom 8:11, 23; Jn 6:39-40). Jesus is the firstfruit (first of its kind) of the resurrected, and God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also raise us from the dead (2 Cor 4:14). So the Bible says that our seat is in the heavenly

places (Eph 2:6). How wonderful a grace God gives to us through Jesus' resurrection!

Jesus defeated sin and conquered death. You may know the story of when Jesus was tempted by the devil. He resisted all the temptations and thus conquered evil, worldly desires, and temptations. This gives us the hope that we can conquer evil as well. Moreover, when He died on the cross for us, He paid our debts and allowed us to speak directly to God. Lastly, after Jesus resurrected, He conquered death.

You might be wondering what our bodies will be like when we resurrect. When Jesus rose from the dead, God showed us what our new bodies would be like after we die. Sometimes people die because they are old and their bodies are worn out. Sometimes people die because their bodies are so sick that doctors and hospitals can't make them well again. There are other people whose bodies are so badly hurt in accidents that they can't go on living. But once we're dead, it won't matter what had happened to our bodies. The Lord will give us spiritual bodies just like the body Jesus had after He rose from the dead.

"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Th 4:17-18).



## Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

#### One True God: Jesus Is the Savior

Jesus Christ came to this world to die for our sins and resurrected on the third day. Jesus is the one and only Savior of mankind, the Creator of heaven and earth, and the only true God.

#### The Second Coming of Christ: Jesus Will Return

On the Last Day, Jesus will descend from heaven to judge the world. The righteous will receive eternal life, while the wicked will be condemned.



## Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

- **1. Describe what or who the women saw when they arrived at Jesus' tomb.** They saw two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning.
- **2.** What did the women report to the eleven apostles and the others with them? They reported that Jesus was not in the tomb because He had risen.
- **3.** What did Jesus discuss with the two men on the road to Emmaus? Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.
- **4.** Jesus' resurrection gives us a new and living hope. What hope is that? The hope that one day we can rise from the dead and conquer death, too.
- 5. Which of the Ten Basic Beliefs is this lesson related to? Describe them. It is related to our beliefs that Jesus is the one true God and the only Savior of mankind, and that He will return again to judge the world. Jesus Christ came to this world to die for our sins and resurrected on the third day. Jesus is the one and only Savior of mankind, the Creator of heaven and earth, and the only true God.



10 Minutes

Objective: To learn and understand the power of God.

[Hand out the Life Application worksheets and go over them with the students as time permits.]

#### 1. Prove It!!

Jesus rose from the dead. God not only has the power to raise the dead, He also has the power to do many things. His power is unlimited and He can always help us if only we believe in Him. Let's look at some proof in the New Testament.

**Instructions:** Read the verses and fill in a brief description on how the power of God was shown, and then answer the question at the bottom of the page.

#### 1. He has power over nature

- Matthew 8:23-27: Jesus stilled a raging storm of wind and waves.
- John 2:1-11: Jesus changed water into wine.
- Matthew 14:22-33: Jesus walked on water.

#### 2. He has power over sickness and disease

- Matthew 9:20-22: He healed a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years.
- Matthew 9:27-31: He healed two blind men.
- Mark 1:21-28: He healed a demon-possessed man.
- Matthew 8:1-3: He healed a leper.

#### 3. He has the power to raise the dead

- John 11:1-44: He resurrected Lazarus.
- Luke 7:11-17: He resurrected the dead son.

Have you heard of any miracles that have happened in the True Jesus Church? Have you witnessed or been part of one before?

#### 2. I've Got the Power!

Jesus provides power to those who depend on Him to do His will.

**Instructions:** Read each scenario and discuss the amazing power of God.

Note: The teacher can choose to read the scenarios to or with the students, or ask the students to read the scenarios quietly to themselves. Read one scenario at a time and discuss after reading.



Jesus Is with Us!

10-15 Minutes

**Instructions:** Complete the crossword puzzle using the clues below.

#### **Clues**

| Across   |  |   |                             |
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| 4. On the Last Day, the Lo from the dead.  | rd will give us  | bodies just like the bo                       | ody Jesus had after He rose |
| <ul><li>6. Jesus gave us a new and</li><li>7. The men at the tomb to</li></ul>         | d living throu<br>ld the women, "He is not he<br>and us, free from   | ere, but is                                   | !"                          |
| <ul><li>2. During the</li><li>many of His followers.</li><li>3. At one point</li></ul> | eling to the village of<br>_ days between His resurrect<br>hundred people saw Him<br>n suddenly saw two men in | ion and ascension to hea<br>at the same time. |                             |
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#### Jesus Is Risen and He Is with Us!

**Instructions:** Listen carefully to the lesson and fill in the blanks.

| 1. | When the women arrived at the tomb, they noticed that the stone that sealed Jesus' tomb had been                   |
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|    | While they were thinking about this, two men in clothes that gleamed like suddenly appeared and stood beside them. |
| 3. | The men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is                           |
| 4. | Later on that same day, two men were going to a village called   |
|    | They were sad because they thought that Jesus came to the world to free the Jewish people from rule.               |
| 6. | That was not what Jesus came to this world to do. So beginning with and all the concerning Himself.                |
| 7. | Jesus came to set them, and us, free from  |
| 8. | At one point people saw Him at the same time.  |
|    | During the days between His resurrection and ascension to heaven, the Lord appeared to many of His followers.      |
| 10 | ). Why is this important to our faith? Jesus gave us a new and living through His resurrection.                    |
| 11 | . Jesus' resurrection opens the way to revive our, which had been dead in sin, and restore it to life.             |
| 12 | The Lord will give us bodies just like the body Jesus had after He rose from the dead.                             |

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| Matthew 8:1-3   |             |

#### 3. He has the power to raise the dead

| Bible Verse  | Description |
|--------------|-------------|
| John 11:1-44 |             |
| Luke 7:11-17 |             |

#### The Greatest Proof of All – Jesus Christ Rising from the Dead!

#### There Is Power in Jesus!

Have you heard of any miracles that have happened in the True Jesus Church? Have you witnessed or been part of one before?

#### I've Got the Power!

Jesus provides power to those who depend on Him to do His will.

**Instructions:** Read each scenario and discuss the amazing power of God.

#### The Power of Healing - Illness



Bryan and his family had already booked airplane tickets to go to a funeral together. But then Bryan contracted an ear infection that was serious enough that the doctor advised him not to fly. The funeral was too far away for them to drive to. Bryan began taking medicine, but they were supposed to leave the next day, which was hardly enough time for Bryan to recover. Then, Bryan's mother reminded him that there was one thing they hadn't done: pray and rely on God to heal him. It was also important that he believed that God had the power when they prayed. So, the family prayed that afternoon and again in the evening. And then they prayed again in the morning of the next day. After the morning prayer, they

took him to the doctor again, and to their surprise, the doctor said that the ear infection was completely gone! Thank God! The doctor could not believe it had healed so quickly.

#### The Power of Healing - Injuries



Jamie was playing indoor volleyball during gym class at school when she accidentally ran into her teammate trying to get the ball. She fell and twisted her ankle. It hurt really badly, and since the school nurse could not give her pain medication, her father picked her up and took her to the doctor for examination. The doctor said that it was nothing too serious. She got medicine for the pain and swelling, and was told it would heal in about a week. But Jamie had a very important piano audition in two days, and her ankle hurt too much for her to press the pedal. There was no way she would be able to heal in time. Her family and her RE teacher encouraged her to pray. So, in the next couple of days she prayed with her

family. She believed that God had the power to heal her, and that God would grant her request. When she stepped out of bed on the morning of the audition, she felt no pain as she began to walk. Thank God! God listened to her prayer and healed her ankle. God indeed is a great physician.

#### The Power to Provide



Jayden's father recently lost his job. At first, Jayden didn't realize how serious it was, and thought that his father would simply be able to find a new job. However, at that time, there were many people who were also without a job, as there were too few jobs available. His mother had not been working because she wanted to stay home to take care of Jayden and his younger sister, so they had no income while his father was out of a job. The family had some savings to use, and his father could collect unemployment money from the government. Still, the savings ran out quickly, and the unemployment money wasn't enough to support a family of four. On top of this, without any medical insurance, if any of

them got sick, they might not be able to afford medication. Jayden's father told them that he would do his part to look for another job, but they must also pray and rely on God for help. If God can raise the dead, He surely has the power to help their family, too. They prayed as a family every evening and believed that God had something in store for them. Miraculously, after only one month, Jayden's father found a new job. God truly has the power to provide for those who rely on Him.

#### **The Power of Protection**



Daniel was about one year old when he started walking. Since he was just starting and not very good at it, his parents put him in a baby walker to help him learn. One day, Daniel was in the walker and walking around while his father and grandfather were carrying items to the basement. His mother turned away for a moment, and since the door to the basement was wide open, Daniel wandered in that direction. Suddenly his walker's wheels caught the edge of the stairs and he and the walker tumbled down the stairs together. His mother yelled "Hallelujah!" and just as suddenly, the walker got caught on the side railing of the last step, right before hitting the floor at the bottom. Thank God! If it had not been for the protection of God, Daniel would have been hurt really badly.

## E2 Year 1 Book 1 Lesson 12—Jesus Is Risen and He Is with Us

## **Homework Assignment**

| Name:  |                           |          |         |               |          | Paren    | it signature       | : Date:   |
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|  |                           |          |         |               |          |          |                    | What I Learned from the Bible This Week           |
| <b>Bible Reading:</b> Check each box when you complete that day's reading. |                           |          |         | when <u>y</u> | you co   | mplete   | 1                  |   |
| <b>Prayer:</b> Check each box after you pray to God that day.              |                           |          |         |               | u pray   | to Go    | od that day.       |   |
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| Read   |                           |          |         |               |          |          |                    | 2   |
| Pray   |                           |          |         |               |          |          |                    |   |
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|  |                           |          |         |               |          |          | _                  | ze Him at first                                   |
| 5. W   | hen Pe                    | eter we  | nt to s | see the       | tomb,    | he on    | lly found st       | rips of linen inside                              |
|  | : <b>Answ</b><br>hy is Je |          | esurrec | ction im      | ıportar  | nt to o  | ur faith?          |   |
| 7. W   | hich of                   | f the Te | en Basi | ic Belie      | fs is th | is lesso | on related to      | o? Explain.                                       |
| 8. De  | escribe                   | the bo   | odies w | ve will       | nave w   | hen w    | ve resurrect.      |   |