



On the Road to Emmaus – Easter  
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**Do you believe Jesus is alive?**

“Jesus, a wise man... doer of wonderful works... teacher... appeared to them alive...” ([Antiquities of the Jews](#), Josephus, 93 AD)

“Christus, from whom [“Christians”] had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during... reign of Tiberius” ([Annals](#), Tacitus, 116 AD)

1. **Body**
2. **Appearances**
3. **Skeptics**
4. **Martyrs**
5. **Church**

So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. **(Luke 24:15)**

But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. **Luke 24:16 NKJV**

And He said to them, “What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?” **Luke 24:17 NKJV**

Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” **Luke 24:18 NKJV**

### **Jesus’ resurrection ends our hopelessness**

And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **Luke 24:19 NKJV**

and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. **Luke 24:20 NKJV**

But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. **Luke 24:21 NKJV**

### **Jesus’ resurrection changes our expectations**

Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and add slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! **Luke 24:25 NKJV**

Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” **Luke 24:26 NKJV**

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. **Luke 24:27 NKJV**

### **Jesus’ resurrection builds our confidence in the Bible**

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. **Luke 24:30 NKJV**

Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. **Luke 24:31 NKJV**

And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” **Luke 24:32 NKJV**

So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, **Luke 24:33 NKJV**

saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” **Luke 24:34 NKJV**

And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread. **Luke 24:35 NKJV**

1. **Mary Magdalene**
2. **Women**
3. **Peter**
4. **Two Disciples (on the road to Emmaus)**
5. **Apostles without Thomas**
6. **Apostles with Thomas**
7. **Seven Apostles**
8. **500+ Disciples**

## 9. Jesus' Half-Brother James

## 10. Apostles

Do you believe Jesus is alive?

This Week's [New Testament+ reading plan:](#)

1. *Mark 7*
2. *Mark 8*
3. *Mark 9*
4. *Mark 10*
5. *Mark 11*
6. *Psalm 146*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

## Bonus Material

### Five Proofs of Jesus' Resurrection

1. **The missing body** [John 20:2](#)
2. **The many appearances** [Acts 1:3](#)
  1. Mary Magdalene (The Tomb) [Mark 16:9](#)
  2. Multiple Women (Leaving the Tomb) [Matthew 28:9](#)
  3. The Apostle Peter (AKA Cephas) [1 Corinthians 15:5](#)
  4. Two Disciples (Road to Emmaus) [Luke 24:13](#)
  5. The Apostles (without Thomas) [Luke 24:36](#)
  6. The Apostles (with Thomas) [John 20:24](#)
  7. Seven Apostles (Sea of Galilee) [John 21:1](#)
  8. 500+ Disciples (on a mountain) [1 Corinthians 15:6](#)
  9. James (half-brother of Jesus) [1 Corinthians 15:7](#)
  10. The Apostles (Mount of Olives) [Luke 24:50](#)
  11. The Apostle Paul (AKA Saul) [Acts 9](#)
3. **The skeptics transformations** [Mark 16:11](#)
  1. The Apostles & Closest Followers [John 20:1–13](#)
  2. James, the Half-Brother of Jesus [John 7:1–5](#)
  3. Saul of Tarsus [Acts 9](#)
4. **The martyred apostles** [\(The Death of the 12 Apostles\)](#)
  1. James 44-45 AD Sword (executioner died too)
  2. Phillip 54 AD Tortured & crucified
  3. Matthew 60-70 AD Beheaded
  4. James the Less 63 AD Thrown off Temple & beaten
  5. Peter 64 AD Crucified upside-down
  6. Paul 67 AD Beheaded

7. Andrew	70 AD	Crucified
8. Thomas	70 AD	Tortured & burned alive
9. Nathanael	70 AD	Flayed & crucified
10. Matthias	70 AD	Crucified & stoned to death
11. Judas Thaddeus	72 AD	Beaten to death
12. Simon, Zealot	74 AD	Crucified
13. John	95 AD	Exiled to Patmos

## **5. The miracle of the Church**

1. Growth – From 120 (Acts 1) to 15k (Acts 4) to 250k (Few Years) to 2.2 Billion (Today)
2. Transformation – Jews stopped blood sacrifices, stopped observing Moses' Law, etc.
3. Communion – Jews started symbolically eating the body and blood of Jesus
4. Baptism – Jews started baptizing “in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”

## NURSERY

## JESUS IS ALIVE!

THE FIRST EASTER



Springtime for toddlers is an exciting time to joyfully discover and explore! As you explore, take this opportunity to share with your kids the joyous fact that Jesus is alive! We'll be spending the next several weeks learning all about Jesus' resurrection and exploring what the word "alive" means!

**Memory Verse:** Jesus is alive. Matthew 28:6 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** We Can Live with Jesus, Too!

**Parent Connect:** Use the chalk you were given and draw the suggested gospel pictures on your driveway. Think of the empty tomb, Jesus, the cross! Bonus: share with your neighbor friends!

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## HE REALLY IS ALIVE!

EASTER AND THE EARLY CHURCH



What an exciting season! From Palm Sunday to the death and resurrection of Jesus to the start of the church at Pentecost we see the wonderful plan of God unfold. Thank you Jesus that you died and rose again so we can be forever friends again!

**Memory Verse:** For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

**Heart of the Lesson:** Easter - He is alive Mark 16

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## ELEMENTARY

## GAME ON!

HOW TO SAY "SORRY", NO TO GREED, AND WHAT DO WHEN THINGS GET CRAZY!



You can learn a lot about a person by playing a board game. In our series, Game On, we will look at different board games that reflect Jesus' teachings. Things like how to say sorry, not be greedy, and what to do when life gets crazy. Then we will act out to learn what is Palm Sunday and discover the clues that point to Jesus' Resurrection.

**Memory Verse:** "For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are." - Romans 3:20

**Heart of the Lesson:** He is Risen INDEED! – Luke 24

**Parent Connect:** Use the chalk you were given and draw the suggested gospel pictures on your driveway. Bonus: share with your neighbor friends!



The main theme of the book of 1 John is the word “KNOW”. In this series, we will be following the adults series “Signs of Life” to understand how we can KNOW that we have Jesus, and help others KNOW Him too!

**Memory Verse:** I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

**Heart of the Lesson:** Do you know Jesus is Alive? - Luke 24:13-35

**Parent Connect:** Jesus’ followers were walking with Jesus after He died and rose again, but they didn’t even recognize Him. Put your sticker somewhere to remind you that Jesus is Alive and with you.

**SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS**

# Easter

## ROAD TO EMMAUS

Jesus is risen! This Easter, we’re taking time to look at the truth that Jesus came and lived a perfect life, died, and rose again. When we see the truth of the Good News of Jesus, our hearts are changed, and we respond by sharing Jesus with other people!

**Heart of the Lesson:** I’m CHANGED when I SEE the Good News! (Luke 24:13-35)

**Parent Connect:**

- What were the two men talking about that was so hard to believe?
- How did the men respond about the truth of what happened to Jesus?
- How will you respond to the true Good News of Jesus?
- Who can you share the Good News of Jesus with this week?