

Spending Time with Jesus in Luke 24

Don't forget to invite Jesus to speak to you as you read this week.

First read through: Read Chapter 24 all the way through, imagining you are there.

Second read through: Look for themes and underline them in the color on your key.

What do you notice?

1)

2)

3)

Third read through: Answer questions as you go.

Luke 24:1-12

Remember how Luke has used specific words to put Old Testament stories on the back screen of our minds as he tells his readers about Jesus? Now he is going to use details and words to remind us of the beginning of his gospel so that we see how Jesus fulfilled it.

Can you find 5 or more things in these 12 verses that remind you of the first 2 chapters?

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

Not only does this sophisticated writing style help us see amazing things about Jesus theologically, it also is a practical help for his first audience, most of whom would only get to hear this read aloud at worship. These repeated details helped them (and us) memorize this most important story.

But Luke isn't done with the Old Testament story reminders. What story is Luke reminding us about with the first 7 words in Luke 24:1? It's intentional. Do you have any idea why?

Does 24:7 sound familiar to you? How many times have you heard verses similar to 24:7 in Luke? List as many of those references as you can:

Luke 24:7 is one of the earliest creeds. You can spot them in other places in the New Testament. They always refer to Jesus being divine (i.e. Son of Man), that He died and rose again.

Luke already introduced two of these women in ch. 8. Who were they and what do we know about them?

Name	What did Luke tell us about them?

Why do you think God chose them to be the first eyewitnesses of Jesus' resurrection?

Are you surprised that the Eleven did not believe them? Why or why not?

Luke 24:13-35

Can you find 5 or more things in this story that reminds you of the first 2 chapters?

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We know that Cleopas (which is a man's name) was one of the two on the road to Emmaus. Luke doesn't mention the other person. Who do you think it might be?

Pretend you and your best friend are Cleopas and the other person. Think back to the chaos and horror of that Friday. You had woken up that morning after staying up late to celebrate the Passover. Yelling crowds announced that your Messiah is being tried for treason. What?!! You raced through the streets but were powerless to stop the insanity your city leaders had set in motion, and about halfway through the morning, your Messiah was nailed to a cross. You and your best friend couldn't get together on the Sabbath, so this is the first time you've seen each other since Friday. What 3 things about these events would you most want to talk about when you see each other?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Why do you think they were kept from recognizing Jesus?

Does it sound like these two believe the women?

Does Luke 24:26 remind you of 24:7...and those other verses you listed? Why would Luke make sure to include this again at this point?

Why does Jesus go all the way back to Moses and the Prophets and explain what was said about Himself in the Scriptures? Why not just remind them of His own words?

Why is it that Jesus' actions in 24:30 opens their eyes?

Why did Luke point out that they returned to Jerusalem at once?

What were the Eleven saying when Cleopas and the other person arrive in Jerusalem?

Luke 24:36-52

When exactly do they believe that Jesus had risen from the dead?

Why do you think Jesus asks them for something to eat?

Do you see a verse(s) like 24:7 here? How many times is this idea written in the whole book of Luke?

What was necessary for them to understand the Scriptures (24:45)?

What will they be witnesses of? Why is this important?

What do you think Jesus' Father promised to send?

What is incredibly remarkable about 24:52? (hint: how has Luke used "worship" before?)