

Luke 24:33-49 New Living Translation (NLT)

33 And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, **34** who said, “The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter.[a]”

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

35 Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. **36** And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. **37** But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

38 “Why are you frightened?” he asked. “Why are your hearts filled with doubt? **39** Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it’s really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do.” **40** As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he ate it as they watched.

44 Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” **45** Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. **46** And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. **47** It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations,[b] beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ **48** You are witnesses of all these things.

49 “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

Footnotes:

- a 24:34 Greek *Simon*.
- b 24:47 Or *all peoples*.

Questions:

1. What was the “talk about Jesus” among the eleven when the two followers of Jesus returned to Jerusalem.
2. What did Jesus do and say to prove that he was not a Ghost?
3. How would you respond to Jesus appearing out of nowhere if you were one of the disciples? Explain.
4. What “message” did Jesus share with them at the end of this passage?
5. How can you share the message of Jesus rising from the dead with your friends? Be specific.