

C H A P T E R



Day One

1. Read or listen to the chapter at least twice to get an overview of the events. The events of this chapter are of the utmost importance to our walk of faith. Whether this is your first time to read Luke 24, or you have read it many times ask God to help you see each truth/treasure to be found.
2. Let's start with a good foundation, read Matthew 28:1-7; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10, we have added them to the end of this study guide.
3. What had the women been doing in Mark 15:40-41 and Luke 23: 49, 55-56? The clues are in the verbs.
4. According to Luke 24:1 what day is it?
5. Who are the first of Jesus followers to return to the tomb?
6. Jesus' burial had been a very hurried event. The women had watched as Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-42) had quickly prepared Jesus for burial. Do you know what these women wanted to do with the spices they prepared in Luke 23:56?
7. Have you ever been the one to plan a funeral?
If you have, then you know how hard it can be to quickly get things done. Burying a loved one is often seen as a final expression of the admiration and love. Why had Jesus followers been in such a hurry to bury him?
8. When the women arrived at the tomb, what did they find? Be specific.
9. As they stood there wondering what had happened, someone spoke to them. What was unusual about these messengers?
If you are not quite sure who these persons were, read Matthew 28:5 for more information.
10. The women were reminded of some things Jesus had told them while he was with them in Galilee. Fill in the blanks, an important key to their peace has been highlighted.
"Why do you look for the _____ among the dead? He is _____ here; he has _____! _____ how he told you, while he was still _____ in Galilee." Luke 24:5-6 (NIV)
11. What had Jesus previously told them would happen? Luke 9:21-22, 44-45; 18:31-34
12. Isn't it comforting when someone reminds us that God is aware of everything that is happening? Nothing is catching him off guard or by surprise. Think back to the last time someone reminded you of the character of our God, or something from his word, or a truth that gave you strength. How did this reminder help you deal with a difficult situation?
13. The women rushed back to the disciples and told them everything they had seen and heard. Who were the women named in Luke 24:10? How was their news received?

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14. Do you think the women were upset at this reaction to their news?
15. It can be frustrating when others discount what we are trying to share, especially when we are sharing the good news. We must not get angry or short with them. Often if we give them time, they will develop a curiosity and seek the truth for themselves. The eleven may have thought it was too good to be true when they heard it, but what did Peter do?
16. Peter was not alone as he went to see for himself. Another follower went to the tomb also. Read John 20:2-4, who ran with Peter to the tomb?

What did he call himself in verse 2?

John was not being arrogant. If we are a believer, then couldn't that be said about us?

How differently might we live if that truly was how we thought of ourselves?

Jesus is the King of Kings, when we accepted him as our Savior, we have been adopted into God's family. That makes us a child of the King. Do you feel a new sense of security and love with this thought?

So, the next time someone says, "Who do you think you are?"

Straighten your tiara, and gently tell them, I am a child of the King. I am the one Jesus loves!!!

17. Read Galatians 5:22-23, when we display the fruits of the Spirit others will be more inclined to check things out for themselves. Which of the fruits mentioned should believers display when sharing the good news?
18. The next section of chapter 24 has to do with two of Jesus followers who were walking along the road. Where were they headed?
You might like to locate this town on a map, it is not far from Jerusalem.
19. What were the men discussing as they walked along that day?
20. The scripture says Jesus himself came up and began walking along with them, but they did not recognize him. Why do you think that was? How could they not recognize Jesus?
21. Before we get too critical of these two, we must remember they are grief stricken. After all it had only been a short time since their greatest disappointment and loss. It also shows us they had truly not understood all Jesus had told them. Grief can be a powerful curtain; it can keep us from seeing Jesus when he is right there with us. Have you ever experienced a grief that blinded you to his presence?
22. Everyone deals with grief differently. Time can help, but only Jesus can comfort a heart that is broken. What can we do for people when they are dealing with grief?
23. We can learn much from the actions of Jesus this day. In verse 15 we see Jesus simply came up and walked with them. He spent time with them without being in a hurry. How might this apply to us when we have a friend or loved one who is grieving?

24. These men were grieving a death, but there are many things in life that can cause one to grieve: the loss of a job, moving, a betrayal, a wayward child, a divorce. What is the best thing we can do for a friend who is experiencing a terrible hurt or loss?
25. We have said it before, God's kingdom is unlike the world's kingdoms. That is why it was difficult for these followers to understand. What did Jesus remind them about in Luke 24:26?
26. Read Luke 24:27, what did Jesus do next to help them fully understand?
27. How are you at patiently, and kindly sharing the Scriptures with those God brings your way? Do you take the time to help them understand the truth of God's word?
28. Sadly, there are people all around us who do not know Jesus like we do. They do not have an intimate relationship with him yet. Part of the problem may be Christians who do not talk about him. They are shy about telling others about his great love for them. What are some ways you could gently, and with patience talk about Jesus today?
29. Since it was getting late, the men invited Jesus to stay with them. Fill in the blanks below using Luke 24:30 NIV
 "When he was at the table with them, he _____, gave _____, _____ it and began to _____. Then their eyes were _____ and they _____ him, and he _____ from their sight."
30. After the men recognized Jesus, what did they have to say about their conversation along the road?
31. What did they do? Luke 24:33-34
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
32. They arrived in Jerusalem and went to where Jesus' disciples were staying. Read Luke 24:34 again, when the men walked in what good news did the eleven tell them?
33. The two disciples had some news of their own. It is wonderful when we seize an opportunity to tell others about our personal experiences with Jesus. Think of the last time you told someone about the goodness of God you experienced. What effect do you believe it had on your friend?
34. As these men discuss Jesus' resurrection Jesus was seen, he stood among them. What did Jesus say to those gathered in the house that day?
35. We see they still did not have a full understanding of Jesus resurrection. The scripture said they were frightened and thought Jesus was a ghost. What does Jesus show them to assure them there is nothing to worry about? That it truly was Jesus back from the dead.
 - a.
 - b.

36. Even though those present did not fully understand how something like this could have happened. They were filled with joy. Jesus asks them for something to eat. How might even this simple request help them come to believe it truly was Jesus risen from the dead?
37. Once again what does Jesus' use to help them see that this was God's plan all along? What had been prophesied and witnessed concerning the Messiah? Read Luke 24:46
38. Jesus gives them a promise and then he gives them instructions. What is the promise and what were their instructions? It might help to read Luke 24:49 in a few different translations.
- Promise-
 - Instructions-
39. Luke does not speak about the length of time Jesus was with them, but he does tell us about the most important event. Jesus led his followers over to the area near Bethany. Locate Bethany on a good Bible map. What events happened while they were there with Jesus that day?
40. What effect had this time with Jesus had on his followers?
41. Read Isaiah 61:1-3, these verses speak about our Savior, Jesus Christ. What are some of the promises given in these verses that Jesus has fulfilled?
42. Are you mourning a loss today?
- Oh, my precious friend, run to Jesus, he will comfort you, guide you, and give you the peace your heart longs for. He will anoint you with the oil of joy. He will exchange your spirit of heaviness for a garment of praise. He will strengthen you in righteousness. And why will he do all this? Because of his great love. If Jesus did not spare himself the agony and shame of the cross so that we could have our sins forgiven and enjoy a personal relationship with him, is there anything he would not (could not) do for us?
43. Think about all you have seen this week in your study of Luke 24, what is your take-away? How have you been changed by your time is God's word?
44. Why not take a few minutes to talk to God about all you have seen in your study of the gospel of Luke.

Biblical References

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Question 2

Matthew 28:1-7 (NIV) After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

Mark 16:1-8 (NIV) When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” ⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

John 20:1-10 (NIV) Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Questions 3

Mark 15:40-41 (NIV) Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. ⁴¹ In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

Luke 23:49 (NIV) But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Luke 23:55-56 (NIV) The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶ Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

Question 6

John 19:38-42 (NIV) Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate’s permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰ Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Question 9

Matthew 28:5 (NIV) The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

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Luke 9:21-22 (NIV) Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²² And he said, “*The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.*”

Luke 9:44-45 (NIV) *“Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.”*⁴⁵ But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

Luke 18:31-34 (NIV) Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, *“We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³² He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; ³³ they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”*³⁴ The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

Question 16

John 20:2-4 (NIV) So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

Question 17

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Day Five

Question 41

Isaiah 61:1-3 (NIV) The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,² to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.