

Study Guide - 4 Apr 2021

Series: Luke

Text: Luke 24:1-12



This guide will help you facilitate a study of the Bible passage with a focus on applying God's truth to our lives together. Look at the Big Idea and Takeaway for our CGs sections at the beginning of the guide to keep the discussion focused. For a deeper dive into the passage, refer to the [text notes](#) on the passage.

Overview

Context of Luke

Luke the Greek physician was Paul's companion during his mission in proclaiming the gospel. Luke wrote this gospel as the first volume of a single work, consisting of The Gospel Of Luke and Acts. Both volumes are addressed to Theophilus and are written in a similar style. The Book of Acts refers to The Gospel Of Luke in its introduction. As a Greek and later a companion of Paul, Luke had never met Jesus personally, yet as a scholar and physician, he set upon the task to interview and record the events of the life of Jesus, according to Jesus' close companions and earliest eyewitnesses (1:1-4). Luke's gospel is, therefore, the most detailed, and it contains the most material of the three synoptic gospels.

Big Idea

The resurrection is proof that Jesus' words and promises to us are true and will be fulfilled.

CG Takeaway

For our hearts to come alive to the hope of the resurrection and God's promises, remembering and taking Jesus seriously at His word and allowing that to shape our response to our circumstances.

Fallen Condition Focus

- Seeing our circumstances through our own eyes (e.g. seeing only the hopelessness of the situation) rather than through God's word and His promises
- Squeezing Jesus' Word and promises within our limited human paradigm of our circumstances instead of truly wrestling with His Word and letting it penetrate our hearts

- Allowing our hearts to turn cold because the situation hasn't turned out the way that we had hoped, instead of holding on to God's promises

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The Resurrection

*But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. **2** And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. **5** And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? **6** He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, **7** that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." **8** And they remembered his words, **9** and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. **10** Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, **11** but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. **12** But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.*

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Observation: Highlight turning points in the passage (these turning points could be points that are surprising for the characters or readers, or turning points for a character's behaviour)

Optional Deep Dive 1: What did Jesus tell his disciples would happen after He was crucified?

Optional Deep Dive 2:

a) Contrast the women's surprise and the angels' answer: *Why did the angels answer the way they did to the women?*

b) The women and the disciples' response to the resurrection news: *How were their initial responses to Jesus' death similar? How were their responses to the resurrection news different?*

1. Why did the women and the disciples find it so difficult to believe that Jesus had been raised?

2. What does the resurrection reveal about who Jesus is? (i.e. His nature, His character, His heart toward us, His Word)

3. What promises does Jesus make to us that we find hard to believe?

4. What sorts of situations might we be in that can make it especially difficult for us to believe and take Jesus at His word? Why?

Additional prompting question: What easily drowns out or blunts our spiritual senses and makes us forget His Word and promises to us?

5. Consider the anxiety, fear, suffering or unfulfilled desire that you might be wrestling with at this present moment. How does Jesus' resurrection ultimately address and speak into that?