

Bible Story 59: JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE: 1st Appearance to Disciples: Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23
2nd Appearance to Disciples: John 20:24-31

MEMORY VERSE: John 20:29 or John 20:31

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS' 1ST APPEARANCE TO HIS DISCIPLES

On Sunday evening, Jesus' disciples were in a locked room in a house. The men who saw Jesus on the road to Emmaus were telling the disciples about what happened.

Suddenly Jesus appeared. Jesus said, ***"Peace be with you."***

The disciples were afraid. They thought that Jesus was a ghost!

Jesus said, ***"Why are you afraid? Why do you doubt? Look at My hands and My feet. It is really Me! Touch Me and see! I have flesh and bones, but a ghost does not."***

Jesus showed them His hands and feet. They still could not believe that it was Jesus.

So Jesus asked, ***"Do you have anything for Me to eat?"***

They gave Jesus a piece of broiled fish. Jesus ate it while they watched. They finally believed that Jesus was alive! They rejoiced!

Jesus said, ***"Peace be with you! Just as the Father sent Me, so I send you."*** Jesus spoke some more words and then He disappeared.

The disciple Thomas was not with the other disciples. He did not believe that Jesus appeared to the disciples. Thomas said that he would not believe that Jesus had risen, unless he touched where the nails were and touched where the sword pierced His side.

JESUS' 2ND APPEARANCE TO HIS DISCIPLES

A week later on a Sunday evening, the disciples were in the locked room again at the house. This time Thomas was with them.

Suddenly Jesus appeared. Jesus said, ***"Peace be with you!"***

Then Jesus looked at Thomas and said, ***"Thomas, put your finger where the nail prints are on My hands. Thomas, touch My side where the sword pieced My side. Stop doubting. Believe!"***

Thomas replied, ***"My Lord! My God!"***

Then Jesus said, ***"You believe, because you have seen Me. Oh, how blessed are those who believe that I have risen without even seeing Me with their own eyes!"***

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Where were the disciples on Sunday night?
2. What happened to make the disciples afraid?
3. Did the disciples believe that it was Jesus?
--- What did Jesus do to show that He was alive?
4. What did the disciple Thomas say when he heard that Jesus appeared to the disciples?
5. A week later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples. This time Thomas was there.
--- What did Jesus tell Thomas to do?
6. What did Thomas do?
7. What did Jesus say about those who believe that He was alive even when they have not seen Him with their own eyes?
8. What does it mean to “believe”?
9. Do you believe that Jesus arose and is alive? Why?