

Lesson #11 After the Resurrection

Opening Shot:

After the Resurrection of Jesus, a lot of things happened. Jesus came and spoke to His disciples, so that they would know He had risen from the dead. During the next 40 days He appeared to many others. And then He ascended into heaven. The Holy Spirit (The Comforter) came and indwelt the disciples so that they were able to preach to others.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

John 20:19-23 *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

Luke 24:50-51 *When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.*

Ask Me No Questions/I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) Isn't Easter about bunnies and chocolate eggs? Why worry about the resurrection?
- 2.) If Jesus ascended into Heaven, what is He doing now'?
- 3.) Why did the Holy Spirit have to come?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

I Corinthians 15:16-17 *For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.*

Hebrews 10:12-14 *But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

John 14:2-3 *In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

John 15:26-27 *"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.*

Parting Shot:

Jesus died and rose again through the power of God, but that was not the end. He appeared to His disciples to prove He was alive and to encourage them. He sent the Holy Spirit to them. The Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to preach about Jesus in a mighty way. The facts that Jesus died, rose again, and ascended are meaningful to each of us. These facts prove who He is, provide hope for those who believe in His name, and enable them to tell others about Jesus.

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