



### 3: *The Risen King*

The resurrection of Jesus is the pivotal event in Christianity. The reality of the Risen King & His promise of eternal life, fueled the Jewish disciples to get the message of Jesus to US, despite what it cost them. *Will we follow the example of real Christians who live for their Risen King?*

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## teachingnotes

*Passion* comes from the Greek term "*paschō*" - meaning **suffering**.

### Many Convincing Proofs

**Acts 1:3** (NIV) After his suffering, he presented himself to them and **gave many convincing proofs that he was alive**. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and he spoke about the kingdom of God.

What ARE some of those **convincing proofs that he was alive**?

### Evidence #1 - Formerly Dead Man Talking

**Luke 24:36-38** (NIV) While they were still talking about this, **Jesus himself stood among them** and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"

The followers of Jesus wanted Jesus to be ALIVE, but they were **startled and frightened** - excited & scared all at the same time. But the resurrection of Jesus wasn't simply a **ghost** or a vision. Several of Jesus' disciples had seen how brutally Jesus had died. They knew that He had been buried. But now...*HOW COULD IT BE?* They needed some assurance that this was *FOR REAL* — a physical resurrection from the dead.

### Evidence #2 - Formerly Dead Man Seen & Touched

**Luke 24:39-41a** (NIV) **Look at my hands and my feet**. It is I myself! **Touch me** and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of **joy** and **amazement**...

Jesus invited them to **touch** Him. Still dazed & confused, some struggled to believe in the midst of **joy and amazement**.

Before this group appearance...

- **Mary** and some other women saw Jesus at the tomb, and even touched Him (Mt 28:8-10)!
- *Even Simon Peter* - even after weeping over denying Jesus 3 times - said that Jesus had now appeared to him (Lk 24:33-34).
- The **2 disciples who had been 7 miles away in Emmaus** said they seen Jesus & spoken to Him at length - even though they were at first kept from recognizing Him (Lk 24:13-32).
- Now the others were looking at Jesus - **the RISEN KING**...with **joy and amazement**...yet still struggling to really swallow the fact that...IT WAS REALLY JESUS!

### Evidence #3 - Formerly Dead Man Eats

**Luke 24:42b-43** (NIV) he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and **he took it and ate it in their presence**.

Why does this matter? Jesus is demonstrating that He is more than a vision or a ghost. **Ghosts/Spirits** - *immaterial beings can't eat material food*. Jesus did - He had *PHYSICALLY RISEN* from the dead! The same person who had been in the tomb... was now *STANDING, SPEAKING, & EATING*...in their presence! (*a foreshadowing of what will happen when the 'dead in Christ raise'* - a *PHYSICAL RESURRECTION* - the dead are raised & transformed)

Others later saw Jesus as well, including **Paul**, a former persecutor of Christians, who later became convinced that the very followers of Jesus he used to have killed & thrown into prison, were *RIGHT* - Jesus was the Risen King! (Read Paul telling his own story in several places in Acts - Acts 9, 22:3-16, 26:9-18). **Why would PAUL give his LIFE for Jesus?** He was *CONVINCED* that Jesus had risen from the dead and that He would raise him and other believers from the dead as well.

**The Risen King** is why they were willing to face difficult days of persecution & even death.

### **Real Christians live for the Risen King.**

❓ How would your life CHANGE if **you actively began to LIVE like Jesus is ALIVE** and **LIVE for the Risen King**?

- You would **run FROM sin** instead of running TO sin.
- You would care about the eternal destination of your family, friends,...and even enemies.
- You would enjoy life on THIS side of eternity, as you make decisions to impact the OTHER SIDE of eternity.
- You look forward to the day that Jesus returns and brings those we love, those who love Him - with Him! (See 1 Thes 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:51-55)

### **Evidence #4 - Formerly Dead Man Shows How the Scriptures Point to Him**

**Luke 24:44-47** (NIV) He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: **Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me** in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand **the Scriptures**. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will **suffer and rise from the dead** on the third day, and **repentance** for the **forgiveness of sins** will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Who was going to **preach His name to all nations**? The Jewish followers of Jesus were faithful to train others to be faithful - so that generations later - people on different continents have heard the GOOD NEWS & the BAD NEWS...

- that **1) People are Precious 2) Sin is Serious 3) God is Gracious.**

**Let's follow their example**, to take the message of Jesus to other nations & generations, **Real Christians live for the Risen King.**

### **❓ ARE YOU...?**

1. **CONVINCED & COMMITTED.** You're convinced Jesus is the Risen King, the Promised Savior & Suffering Servant who actually paid for your sin. You are seeking Him privately & sharing Him publicly.
2. **UNSTEADY & UNCOMMITTED.** You've heard the story of Jesus. You even believed it for a while, but now you're not so sure. OR you just refuse to walk in obedience because you think that living for Jesus won't bring you happiness & purpose.
3. **SKEPTICAL & SKITTISH.** You don't believe Jesus actually rose from the dead. After all, that's a miracle - and you might deny that miracles even exist. Have you ever examined the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus?

### **Real Christians live for the Risen King.**

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