

Mission Accomplished: It Was Spoken, It Is Fulfilled

A deeper companion for the week following Josh Huisman's Easter message from Luke 24:1-35.

On Easter morning, Luke 24 shows that the resurrection of Jesus was not a surprise turn in the story, but the fulfillment of what God had already spoken. The women come to the tomb in grief and confusion, only to be reminded that Jesus had said this would happen. The disciples struggle to believe. The travelers on the road to Emmaus walk with Jesus before they realize who He is. And across every scene, the same truth comes into focus: Christ is alive, His suffering was necessary, His resurrection was promised, and His presence still turns confusion into faith, cold hearts into burning hearts, and defeated people into living witnesses.

How to Use This Guide

Move through one day at a time. Read the passage slowly, sit with the teaching, answer the questions honestly, and use the notes section to write prayers, observations, or what the Lord is pressing on your heart.

Day	Focus
1	The empty tomb and the question that changes everything
2	Remembering what Jesus said
3	Jesus opening the Scriptures
4	Hearts burning on the road to Emmaus
5	Living as witnesses of the risen Christ

Why Do You Seek the Living Among the Dead?

Luke 24:1-8

Teaching

The women come to the tomb expecting to care for a dead body, not to meet the announcement of resurrection. Their grief is real, but their assumption is wrong. The angels do not simply give information. They ask a question that exposes the whole moment: why are you looking for life in a place ruled by death? That question still reaches us. We often look for hope in places that can't give it, peace in places that can't hold it, and life in places already marked by loss. The resurrection confronts every false refuge. Jesus is not a memory to preserve. He is the risen Lord to trust.

Reflect

- Where have I been looking for life in places that can only produce emptiness?
- What would change in my week if I really believed Jesus is alive right now?
- How does the resurrection reshape the way I face grief, fear, or disappointment?

Pray

Risen Jesus, pull my heart away from dead places and empty substitutes. Teach me to seek You as the living Lord and to rest in the hope that Your resurrection changes everything.

Practice

Write down one place where you have been tempted to look for security apart from Christ. Name it honestly, then bring it to Him in prayer.

Notes

Remember How He Told You

Luke 24:6-12

Teaching

The turning point for the women is not a new teaching but a remembered word. The angels call them back to what Jesus had already said: He must be delivered, crucified, and raised on the third day. Luke makes clear that the resurrection was not random. It was necessary. It was spoken. It was part of God's purpose all along. That matters for us because faith is often renewed not by novelty, but by remembering. In seasons of confusion, we don't need a different Christ. We need to return to the words of the Christ we have already heard. God steadies His people by reconnecting them to truth they once knew but have allowed to fade.

Reflect

- What truths about Jesus have I let drift to the edges of my mind?
- Where do I need to be reminded instead of merely inspired?
- How has forgetting God's word made my fears feel larger than they are?

Pray

Lord, remind me of what You have said. Bring Your word back to mind when I am forgetful, discouraged, or overwhelmed. Anchor me again in what is true.

Practice

Choose one promise or statement from Scripture about Jesus and write it somewhere you will see it several times today.

Notes

Slow of Heart to Believe

Luke 24:13-27

Teaching

On the road to Emmaus, the two disciples know the recent events, but they don't yet understand the meaning of those events. They can recite the facts, but they still interpret them through disappointment. Jesus corrects them by opening the Scriptures and showing that the suffering of the Christ was not a detour from glory, but the path to it. This is one of the great lessons of Easter. God's saving work is often deeper than our immediate expectations. We may hope for one kind of rescue, while God is accomplishing something far greater. The cross and resurrection tell us that when God seems late, confusing, or hidden, He may actually be fulfilling His word in ways we do not yet see.

Reflect

- Where have I confused unmet expectations with God's absence?
- What part of Jesus' work do I tend to resist because it doesn't fit my preferred outcome?
- How might Scripture be correcting the story I have been telling myself?

Pray

Jesus, open the Scriptures to me. Correct my shallow readings of my life and of Your work. Teach me to trust that Your purposes are wiser, deeper, and better than my expectations.

Practice

Read Luke 24:25-27 again slowly. Note every phrase that shows the necessity of Christ's suffering and glory.

Notes

Did Not Our Hearts Burn Within Us?

Luke 24:28-32

Teaching

The Emmaus travelers still do not recognize Jesus until the breaking of the bread, yet even before that moment they can feel the effect of His presence. Their hearts burn within them as He opens the Scriptures. This is not emotional hype for its own sake. It is the fitting response of awakened hearts to the living Christ speaking truth. Real spiritual renewal is not shallow excitement. It is what happens when Jesus makes Himself known through His word and presence. Hearts that were heavy begin to warm. Minds that were foggy begin to clear. The gospel does not merely inform us. It sets our inner life on fire with fresh sight of Christ.

Reflect

- Has my heart grown cold, distracted, or dull toward Jesus?
- When have I recently sensed the Lord stirring me through His word?
- What habits are helping me stay attentive to Christ, and what habits are numbing me?

Pray

Lord Jesus, warm what has grown cold in me. Let Your word do more than pass through my mind. Make it sink into my heart until love, faith, and obedience rise again.

Practice

Set aside fifteen unhurried minutes today to read this passage aloud and sit quietly before the Lord with no rush.

Notes

The Lord Has Risen Indeed

Luke 24:33-35 and Romans 10:8-9

Teaching

The two disciples do not keep the news to themselves. They return at once to Jerusalem, because resurrection truth creates witnesses. Easter does not end with private encouragement. It sends people back into the world with a living confession: the Lord has risen indeed. And that confession is still the center of Christian faith. We are not merely people who admire Jesus' teaching or respect His example. We are people who believe God raised Him from the dead. That means our message is living, our hope is living, and our mission is living. Because Christ is alive, repentance is possible, salvation is available, and witness is urgent.

Reflect

- Do I relate to Jesus mainly as a figure from the past, or as the risen Lord who reigns now?
- Who in my life needs to hear a clear word about the hope of Christ?
- What would bold but ordinary witness look like for me this week?

Pray

Risen Savior, give me courage to live openly and speak clearly about who You are. Let my life carry the quiet confidence of someone who knows the tomb is empty and the King is alive.

Practice

Share one sentence this week with someone about what the resurrection of Jesus means to you personally.

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