

## Wrapping It Up

• No greater event has ever occurred in history than the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That miracle continues to change lives today. Have you been changed by the power of His resurrection? Lead in prayer.



### Faith at Home

Lead your family in a discussion of this question: How do you know that Jesus really did rise from the dead? Be prepared to share some of the insights from this lesson to encourage their faith.

# Teacher's Toolbox

*Getting your class into God's Word  
and God's Word into your class*

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**HOW TO USE TEACHER'S TOOLBOX:** Make a four-page folded teacher's leaflet from the first two sheets by printing two-sided (or by putting the blank sides together). The other two sheets are for duplicating, displaying, distributing, or otherwise using as called for in the lesson plan.

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**Faith at Home** – A specific application of today's Bible passage to family life, to be used for individual reflection, family discussion, or class activity.



## Getting Started

### *Focusing on victory*

- Write the word "VICTORY" on the chalkboard, near the bottom.
- Ask members to recall times in their lives when they experienced "victory." Let several share their experiences of victory.
- Above the word "VICTORY," write: "THE RISEN SAVIOR'S." The board should now say:

THE  
RISEN  
SAVIOR'S  
VICTORY

● Ask members to tell why Jesus' resurrection was a "victory." Let several respond.

● **When Jesus arose from the dead, He triumphed over sin, Satan, evil, death, and the grave. Today's lesson is an opportunity for us to celebrate together the greatest victory ever, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

## Exploring God's Word

### Shared reading

- Give each person a copy of the reading of Luke 24 (NIV) on Item 1. Assign persons to be Reader 1, Reader 2, and Reader 3. Ask the rest of the class to follow along.
- Call on Reader 1 to begin.

### Group discussion

- After the presentations, use these questions to guide a group discussion of the chapter:
  - Why do you think the women returned to the tomb on Sunday morning?
  - What feelings do you think they had as they approached the tomb?
  - What feelings do you think they had when they saw the angel?
  - What would you have done had you been with that group of women?
  - Why do you think the two disciples on the road to Emmaus failed to recognize Jesus at first?
  - How do you think they felt when they realized they had been with Jesus?
  - If you had been one of those two disciples, what would you have

done?

- When Jesus appeared in the room with His disciples, how do you think they felt?
- Why do you think Jesus showed them His hands and feet, and then ate food in front of the disciples?
- If you had been in that room, what would you have done?
- What is significant about the final words of Jesus recorded by Luke?
- If you had been there to personally hear Jesus speak those words, what would you have done?

## Making It Personal

### Evaluating evidence

- Provide paper and pencils. Ask learners to work with someone next to them to discover as much evidence of the resurrection as they can find in this chapter. In other words, how did Jesus' followers know He was alive?
- After five minutes, call time and have learners share their discoveries with the entire class. Enlist someone to record them on the chalkboard or a large sheet of paper. Their list should include

many of these:

- The stone was rolled away (v.2)
- The guards were apparently gone (v.3)
- The body was not there (v. 3)
- Two men in "dazzling apparel" suddenly appeared and told the women Jesus was living (vv. 4-7)
- Although the body was gone, the graveclothes were still in the tomb (v. 12)
- He appeared to and taught two disciples on the road to Emmaus, then vanished from their sight (v. 31)
- He suddenly appeared in a locked room where the disciples were gathered (vv. 36-37)
- He showed the disciples His wounds (v. 40)
- He ate food, demonstrating that He was not a spirit, but alive (vv. 41-43)
- He explained the Scriptures to them (v. 45)
- He gave them instructions (vv. 47-49)

○ He blessed them (v. 50)

○ He ascended in their sight (v. 51)

### Finding new evidence

● After the list is complete, point out that we cannot personally rely on the same evidence as did the believers on that first Easter Sunday. We cannot look into the newly empty tomb, we cannot see the wounds in Jesus' flesh, we cannot eat a physical meal with Him and audibly hear Him teach us and give us instructions.

● **What evidence do we have in 2015 that Jesus Christ is risen?** (Display Item 2.) Encourage learners to name as many types of evidence as possible as someone writes them on the chalkboard. Some they may mention include:

- The written accounts of first-hand witnesses in the Bible, accounts that were not refuted at the time and have stood for centuries.
- The testimonies of persons who have accepted Christ as their risen Lord and experienced transformed lives.
- The changes that we have experienced ourselves through a spiritual encounter with the risen Lord.

# Shared Reading

**Reader 1** On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

**Reader 2** While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground.

**Reader 3** But the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "

**Reader 1** Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. . . . But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

**Reader 2** Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

**Reader 3** Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jeru-

salem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

**Reader 1** He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

**Reader 2** "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

**Reader 3** He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer

these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

**Reader 1** As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

**Reader 2** When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

**Reader 3** They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

**Reader 1** 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?

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."

**Reader 2** 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, 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.

**Reader 3** 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."

**Reader 1** Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

**Reader 2** 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.

**Reader 3** Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. (NIV)

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