

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 47

Jesus' Final Words

Luke 24:36-53

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Younger Verse

And you will be my witnesses from one end of the earth to the other.
Acts 1:8

Older Verse

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. . . . And you will be my witnesses from one end of the earth to the other.

Bible Story



Acts 1:8

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

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The disciples were all together in a room when Jesus suddenly appeared to them. He said, "Peace be with you." But the disciples were afraid; they thought they were seeing a ghost! They didn't understand that Jesus was really alive again. Jesus asked them why there were having trouble believing it was really Him. He told them to look at His hands and feet and touch Him. That way they would know He was real. Remember—Jesus had been crucified, so He had nail scars in His hands and feet. The disciples would be able to see them.

Jesus reminded the disciples what He had said to them while He was still with them. He said that everything that happened to Him had been written down in the Scriptures. And Jesus opened their minds to understand what the Scriptures said. He said, "It is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that a change of hearts and lives and forgiveness of sins would be preached in His name to all nations, starting in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." Jesus continued by telling the disciples they were to wait for the Holy Spirit to come to them before they began preaching. They needed the Holy Spirit of God to have power to speak for Him.

After these instructions, Jesus led them to Bethany. Then He raised His hands and blessed them. While He was blessing them, He began to rise up into the sky and into Heaven. The disciples worshipped Him and went back to Jerusalem. They were so happy and excited to know that Jesus was alive! They went to the Temple each day, praising God. And they continued to wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon them.

Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus gave final directions to the disciples
Learn that the disciples were to be witnesses for Christ
Understand that we need the Holy Spirit to help us

The disciples obeyed Jesus' command and waited for the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts continues where Luke leaves off—it was also written by Luke. He tells us many things about how the early Christians spread the Gospel around the world.

We have learned so much about Jesus. He came to earth to share the love of God with people and ultimately to die for our sins. It was all part of God's plan to save us. Without Jesus and His death on the cross, we would not have a way to be forgiven and be right with God. Only through Christ can we have eternal life.

Jesus wants every person to know and follow Him. Have you accepted Him into your life? Have you let Him take control of your life? If not, why not today?

If you have accepted Christ, you have work to do! We, like the disciples, must share the Good News with those who don't know Christ. We are His witnesses just like the disciples were.

Review Questions

1. Why did Jesus show the disciples His hands and feet when He appeared to them? (So they could see the nail scars on them and know He was real.)
2. What did Jesus say was written in the Scriptures about Him? (That He would suffer and rise from the dead; that a change of hearts and lives and forgiveness would be preached to all nations.)
3. What did Jesus tell the disciples to wait for before they began preaching? (the Holy Spirit)
4. Where did Jesus go after He said these things? (He rose up to Heaven.)

Life Application

Did you know there are people all around us who do not know that Jesus loves them? It seems hard to imagine, but it is true. That is why Jesus gave us the command to go and tell others about Him. It takes all of us to reach this world for Christ. We are all in different places and see different people every day. So wherever we go, we need to remember to take the love of Jesus with us—and share it!

Think of someone that needs to know about Jesus' love and forgiveness. Pray for the boldness to share and that the Holy Spirit will give you the right words to share. John 3:16 is always a good place to start!

Preschool Lesson for Jesus' Final Words

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**Hands-on Activities
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Play the game “Telephone.” Start with today’s memory verse, then let the kids think of other Scriptures to pass around the circle. Talk about how we can share God’s Word with others.

Bring a globe or map of the world. Have the children point out places that they have heard of. Talk about missionaries and how they go to places and tell people about Jesus. Pray for the missionaries throughout the world.

Bring a copy of a world map or globe for each student. Have them decorate and write the Bible verse on it. Tell them to hang the maps on their wall at home to remind them to pray for missionaries—and to *be* a missionary!

Bring a small tub of water and several small stones. After the lesson, take the kids outside and let them drop a stone in the water and watch the rippling of the water. Talk about how our lives can “ripple” - we share Christ with someone, then they share it with someone else, etc.

The Holy Spirit is our power source for sharing Christ with others. Bring a flashlight. Try to use it without batteries. Then put the batteries in it and let a student turn it on. Talk about how our lives need the “Power Source” of the Holy Spirit to make a difference and reach people for Christ.

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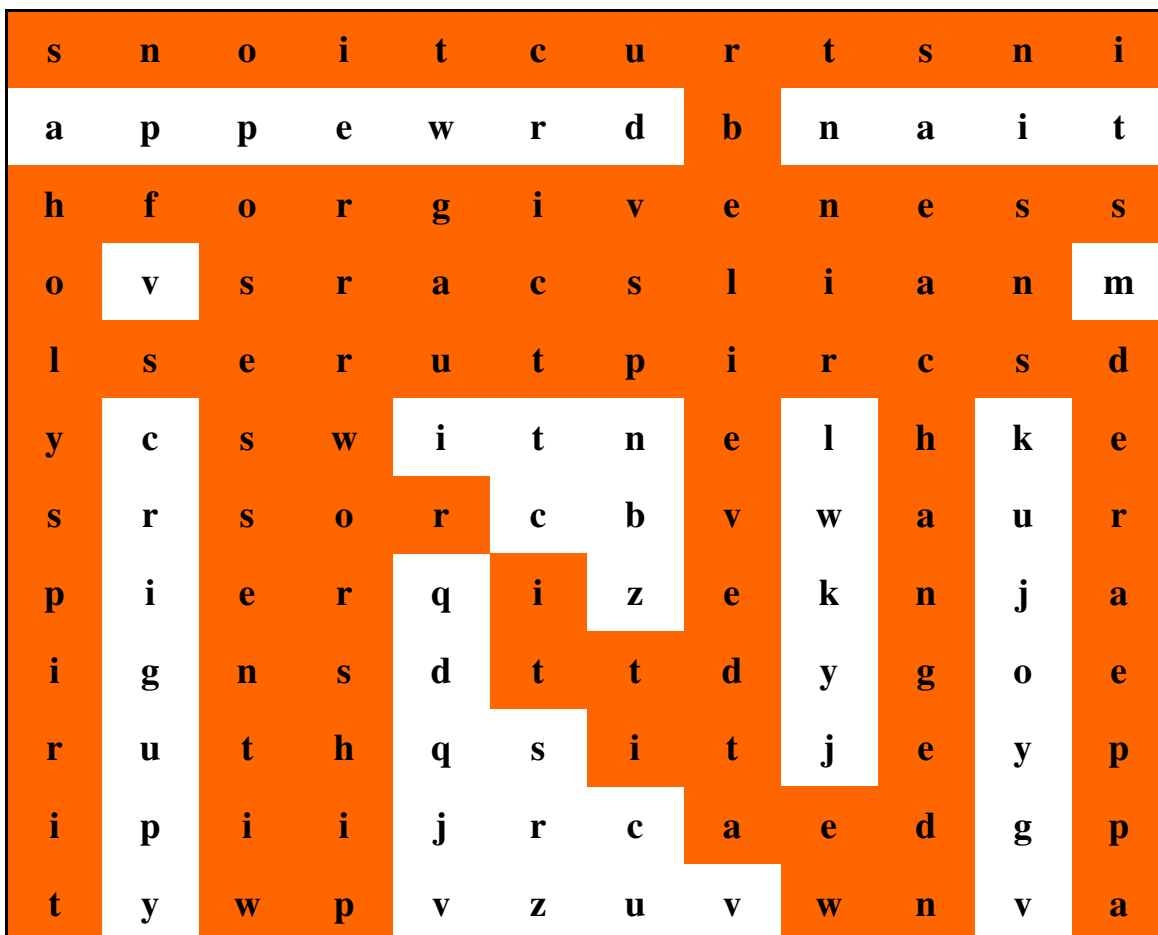
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