



Lesson 72 – “Peace Be unto You”

Based on Luke 24:33-48; John 20:19-29.

- 1) What happened later in the day that Jesus rose from the tomb?
Luke 24:13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called _____, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.
- 2) Who met up with them?
Luke 24:15-16 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, _____ himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not _____ him.
- 3) What did Jesus do inside after the trip there?
Luke 24:30-31 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and _____ it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were _____, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.
- 4) What did they do?
Luke 24:33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to _____, and found the _____ gathered together, and them that were with them

On reaching Jerusalem the two disciples enter at the eastern gate, which is open at night on festal occasions. The houses are dark and silent, but the travelers make their way through the narrow streets by the light of the rising moon. They go to the upper chamber where Jesus spent the hours of the last evening before His death. Here they know that their brethren are to be found. Late as it is, they know that the disciples will not sleep till they learn for a certainty what has become of the body of their Lord. They find the door of the chamber securely barred. They knock for admission, but no answer comes. All is still. Then they give their names. The door is carefully unbarred, they enter, and Another, unseen, enters with them. Then the door is again fastened, to keep out spies.

- 5) What glad tidings did they declare?
Luke 24:34 Saying, The Lord is _____ indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

the two travelers, panting with the haste with which they have made their journey, tell the wondrous story of how Jesus has appeared to them. They have just ended, and some are saying that they cannot believe it, for it is too good to be true, when behold, another Person stands before them. Every eye is fastened upon the Stranger. No one has knocked for entrance. No footstep has been heard. The disciples are startled and wonder what it means.

- 6) Who was it?
Luke 24:36-39 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, _____ be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a _____. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my _____ and my _____, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.
- 7) Were their fears allayed?
John 20:20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples _____, when they saw the Lord.



8) What did Jesus do to show them he wasn't a ghost?

Luke 24:41-43 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled _____, and of an _____. And he took it, and did eat before them.

Faith and joy took the place of unbelief, and with feelings which no words could express they acknowledged their risen Saviour.

9) What were His first words to them?

Luke 24:36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, _____ be unto you.

Jesus is ever ready to speak peace to souls that are burdened with doubts and fears. He waits for us to open the door of the heart to Him, and say, Abide with us.

10) What promise did He give us through John?

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and _____: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

The resurrection of Jesus was a type of the final resurrection of all who sleep in Him. The countenance of the risen Saviour, His manner, His speech, were all familiar to His disciples. As Jesus arose from the dead, so those who sleep in Him are to rise again.

11) Why should we continue on in faith?

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am _____.

As Jesus arose from the dead, so those who sleep in Him are to rise again. We shall know our friends, even as the disciples knew Jesus. They may have been deformed, diseased, or disfigured, in this mortal life, and they rise in perfect health and symmetry; yet in the glorified body their identity will be perfectly preserved. Then shall we know even as also we are known.

12) Now that He had their attention, what did He teach?

Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the _____ of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the _____, concerning me.

13) What followed that?

Luke 24:46-49 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to _____, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be _____ in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are _____ of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be _____ with power from on high.

The disciples began to realize the nature and extent of their work. They were to proclaim to the world the wonderful truths which Christ had entrusted to them. The events of His life, His death and resurrection, the prophecies that pointed to these events, the sacredness of the law of God, the mysteries of the plan of salvation, the power of Jesus for the remission of sins, to all these things they were witnesses, and they were to make them known to the world.



14) How does John's Gospel put it?

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so _____ I you.

15) What did Jesus do next?

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he _____ on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

The Holy Spirit was not yet fully manifested; for Christ had not yet been glorified. The more abundant impartation of the Spirit did not take place till after Christ's ascension. Not until this was received could the disciples fulfill the commission to preach the gospel to the world. But the Spirit was now given for a special purpose. Before the disciples could fulfill their official duties in connection with the church, Christ breathed His Spirit upon them. He was committing to them a most sacred trust, and He desired to impress them with the fact that without the Holy Spirit this work could not be accomplished.

The Holy Spirit is the breath of spiritual life in the soul. The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ. Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the Christ-life is manifested, are to stand as representative men, to minister in behalf of the church.

16) After they received the blessing, what did Christ charge them with?

John 20:23 Whosoever sins ye remit, they are _____ unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Christ here gives no liberty for any man to pass judgment upon others. In the Sermon on the Mount He forbade this. It is the prerogative of God. But on the church in its organized capacity, He places a responsibility for the individual members. Toward those who fall into sin, the church has a duty to warn, to instruct, and if possible, to restore.

17) What did Paul tell Timothy?

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all _____ and doctrine.

If people persist in sin, the judgment you have declared from God's word is pronounced upon them in heaven. In choosing to sin, they disown Christ; the church must show that she does not sanction their deeds, or she herself dishonors her Lord. She must say about sin what God says about it. She must deal with it as God directs, and her action is ratified in heaven.

18) Is the Church's message all doom and gloom?

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to _____ us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

19) What did Micah have to say about forgiven sins?

Micah 7:9 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt _____ all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Let the repentance of the sinner be accepted by the church with grateful hearts. Let the repenting one be led out from the darkness of unbelief into the light of faith and righteousness. Let his trembling hand be placed in the loving hand of Jesus. Such a remission is ratified in heaven.



20) Who alone can forgive sins?

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be _____.

21) Who wasn't present when Jesus appeared to the Disciples that night?

John 20:24-25 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall _____ in his hands the print of the nails, and put my _____ into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

He would not see through the eyes of his brethren, or exercise faith which was dependent upon their testimony. He ardently loved his Lord, but he had allowed jealousy and unbelief to take possession of his mind and heart.

22) What did Jesus do eight days later?

John 20:26-27 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being _____, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my _____; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

The doubting disciple knew that none of his companions had seen Jesus for a week. They could not have told the Master of his unbelief. He recognized the One before him as his Lord. He had no desire for further proof. His heart leaped for joy, and he cast himself at the feet of Jesus.

23) How did Jesus respond to Thomas?

John 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have _____, and yet have believed.

The faith of Thomas would have been more pleasing to Christ if he had been willing to believe upon the testimony of his brethren. Should the world now follow the example of Thomas, no one would believe unto salvation; for all who receive Christ must do so through the testimony of others.

Thomas had been most unreasonable in dictating the conditions of his faith, but Jesus, by His generous love and consideration, broke down all the barriers. Unbelief is seldom overcome by controversy. It is rather put upon self-defense and finds new support and excuses. But let Jesus, in His love and mercy, be revealed as the crucified Saviour.

24) What did Thomas declare?

John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My _____ and my _____.

Can you see the need of trusting God's Word?

Do you want to see past your doubts?

When is the time to heed the call?