

9. THE RESURRECTION

Tell the stories in Luke 24.

Notes on Luke's story of the resurrection. (Luke 24)

1. The women found the tomb empty. This by itself did not make the disciples believe that Jesus was risen (v 11). It was only when they saw him that they believed. (v 31,52)
2. It is the same for us, we believe that Jesus is alive when we know him personally, when he speaks to us.
3. Jesus showed himself to his disciples - and they recognized him when he
 - (a) explained the scripture to them (v 32,45)
 - (b) broke bread with them (v 30-31, 41-43)
 In the same way Jesus speaks to us today through Bible Study and preaching and in the Lord's Supper.
4. When they realized that Jesus was alive they worshipped him (v 52). They recognized that he was the Lord, the Messiah, the Son of God. The resurrection proved that what Jesus had said was true, that his way was the way of God, that good will overcome evil, that love could not be defeated by evil and death and there is life after death for everyone.
5. Because Jesus was still with them, and because he is Lord of all, the disciples now had the task to go to all nations to preach the news of repentance and forgiveness. (compare Matt 28:16-20).

Discussion

1. Compare the actions of the disciples when Jesus was arrested, and their actions after Jesus' resurrection. What made the difference?

There was a great change in the disciples. They had been frightened, hiding behind closed doors. Afterwards, they went out and preached boldly about Jesus. This change happened because they knew Jesus was still alive.

2. Why do people become Christians?
3. How could you prove today that Jesus is alive?

The only real proof is in our own experience. People become christian and know Jesus is alive when they have a real personal relationship with him.