

Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way



April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4 (3)
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48



Is It Jesus, or a Ghost? Object: None.

In Bible times, some people believed in ghosts and were afraid of them. Today's Bible lesson is one example of that.

The story begins after two men had walked along a road to a place called Emmaus. They were discussing the crucifixion of Jesus and all of the events that had taken place. As they walked, they were joined by a man on their walk. Finally, they recognized that the man was Jesus. They were so excited to see that Jesus was alive that they jumped up and walked all the way back to Jerusalem.

The two men found Jesus' disciples and began telling them what they had seen. The Bible tells us that as they said these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be to you." The Bible says that they were terrified and filled with fear, thinking that they had seen a ghost!

Once again Jesus spoke to his disciples. "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."

Still the disciples stood in disbelief, so Jesus asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of fish, and he ate it as they watched. That was even further proof that they were not seeing a ghost.

The disciples had seen Jesus die. They had seen him placed in a tomb. But now they saw Jesus alive. They even watched him eat food. They were not seeing a ghost! Those same disciples went all over the world, telling the story of Jesus' crucifixion, his death, and his resurrection.

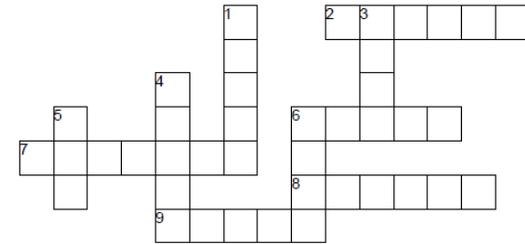
You and I have been called to tell the story just like those disciples. We must be a witness for Jesus, too. We must tell the world that Jesus is alive.

Our Father, we serve a risen Savior. He is alive! Help us to be witnesses of what he has done in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. To deliver a sermon
- 6. The soft outer parts of the body; skin
- 7. Countries; territories where groups of people live
- 8. To feel pain
- 9. to handle or feel something with your fingers

DOWN

- 1. What the skeleton is made of
- 3. To return from death
- 4. A dead person appearing in a bodily form
- 5. To take in food through the mouth
- 6. An animal that lives in the water

RISE	NATIONS	FISH	SUFFER	BONES
TOUCH	EAT	FLESH	PREACH	GHOST

HANDS LOVE CARD: The child can be given white card stock on which to trace their hands and draw red hearts in the middle. They can form the hands into a card, decorate and write JESUS LOVES YOU and share the card with someone.



I CAN TELL MY FRIENDS ABOUT JESUS.

