

From Resurrection to Pentecost

(Luke 24 – John 20 & 21 – Acts 1 & 2)

Verse to memorize : (John 3: 16) (Very important! The most famous verse of the bible)

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die, but have eternal life."

The Resurrection:

On the third day after his crucifixion, early on Sunday morning, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. He first appeared to Mary Magdalene. At first Mary did not know him, but when he called her with her name, she recognised him. She told the disciples that Jesus rose from the dead.

On the same day, two friends of Jesus, Cleopas and his wife, walked home to Emmaus. As they were talking about the sad events, Jesus joined them on the road but they did not recognise him. He started to tell them what the prophets said about the Messiah. They invited him for supper. When he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, they suddenly recognised him. But he disappeared from their sight. They immediately went back to Jerusalem to join the disciples.

On the same day, while all the disciples (except Thomas) were assembled, Jesus appeared to them and said to them: "Peace be with you," and He showed them his hands and feet.

When the disciples told Thomas about that, he said to them: "Unless I see the wounds and feel them, I will not believe." So, on the eighth day after resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples while Thomas was with them, and he said to him: "Look at My hands and feel My side, and stop doubting." Thomas said: "you are my Lord and my God."

One evening, the disciples went to Lake Galilee (Lake Tiberias). They spent all the night fishing but caught nothing. In the morning, Jesus appeared to them and told them to throw the net on the right side of the boat. When they did, the net became full of fish, so they recognised him. Jesus prepared breakfast and ate with them. After the breakfast, Jesus asked Peter three times: "Do you love me?" and Peter said yes, so Jesus told him: "look after my sheep."

The Ascension:

After his resurrection, Jesus spent about 40 days on earth, appearing several times to His disciples. On the fortieth day, Jesus took the disciples to Bethany (a nearby town), lifted up His hands and blessed them. He was then taken away from them. They watched Him go up until a cloud hid Him from their sight. He ascended to His Father in Heavens.

The Coming of the Holy spirit:

Seven weeks after Passover, the Jews celebrated the festival of the Pentecost. Jerusalem was packed with pilgrims again. Early that Sunday morning, the disciples were all together, when they felt a rushing wind that swept down from heaven and filled the whole house with the noise it made. Then separate little tongues of flame settled for an instant on every person there. The promised Holy Spirit has come to live inside them forever. The Christian Church was thus born.

