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## The Lord Is Risen Indeed

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### TODAY'S READING: Luke 24

The risen Lord account in Luke speaks to Jesus' appearance to the men on the road to Emmaus. This is the third day, resurrection day, and the men were discussing the events that took place over the days of the Passover celebration in Jerusalem. Then suddenly, they were joined by another traveler; *"So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him"* (Luke 24:15-16, NKJV).

Jesus casually asked them a question about their conversation and their demeanor. *"And He said to them, 'What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?'"* (Luke 24:17, NKJV)

They told Jesus about the horrible atrocities that had befallen Jesus of Nazareth, the unjustified death, and their disappointment that the Nation of Israel was not redeemed. They seemed to be more concerned about the loss to the nation, rather than the loss of the Son of God. Jesus then helped them to better understand the relevance of scripture. *"Then He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself'"* (Luke 24:25-27, NKJV).

Jesus is God in the flesh, Who walked the earth among mankind. The Old Testament prophesied about Him, and the New Testament speaks of His time with man. These two individuals on the road to Emmaus were taught by the King of Glory. But they did not realize who He was until He lifted a prayer to His Father and He blessed the meal. *"Now it*

*came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight" (Luke 24:30-31 NKJV).*

These two people were some of the first individuals visited by the risen Lord Jesus, the Christ. As they thought about these things, their only desire was to tell others about the prophecy that had come to fruition, the Lord rose on the third day; *"So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!'"* (Luke 24:33-34, NKJV)

My friends, who will you tell about Jesus today? In whom will you allow the Holy Spirit to move in as you allow yourself to become a conduit of the Father's love? So many are spiritually blind and unaware of the sacrifice, the blood atonement made on mankind's behalf. Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus today. Let us share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us make Him known--the Son of God who shed His blood on the cross, atoning for our sin. Let us share with others that He died and was buried in a sealed tomb and on the third day Jesus was raised from the dead! He is risen indeed!!

**PRAYER:** Our Father in heaven, we thank You for Jesus! Thank You, Father, for His sacrifice for the propitiation of our sins. We thank You for the understanding that Jesus rose from the dead. Thank You for the knowledge of knowing that because He lives, we too have the privilege to live in eternity with You and Jesus forever more. We thank You, Father, for who you are, God Almighty, and what You have done for us, reconciling us to Yourself, in loving relationship through Jesus Christ our Lord. We praise You now, Father, in His mighty name, amen.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Weekend is for catch-up and review.

**MONDAY'S READING:** Acts 9

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