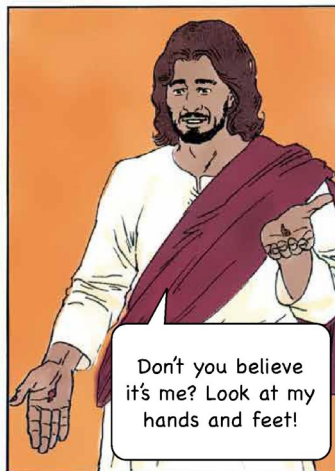
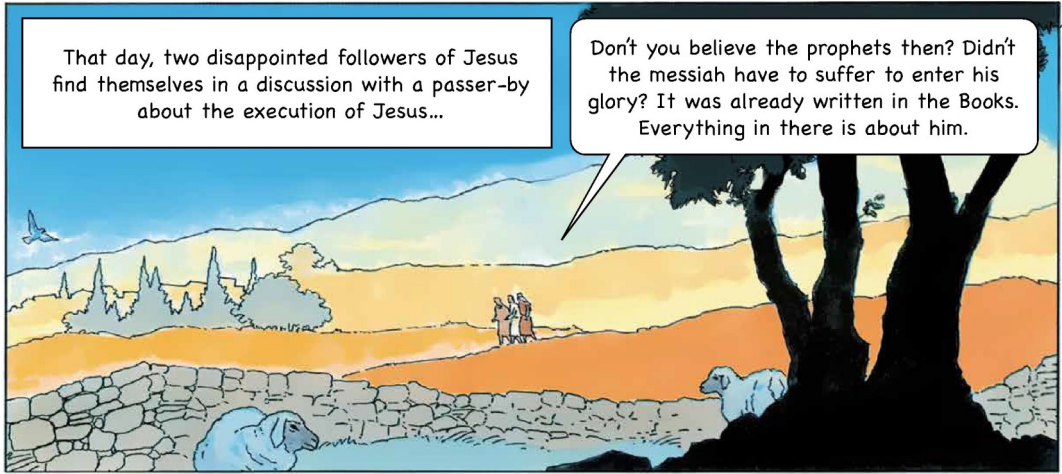


JESUS WITH US

READ FOR YOURSELF: Luke 24:13-43 and John 20:19-29





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Suddenly, miraculously, as in a shock, Jesus is standing in the middle of His disciples. Some even don't recognize Him, so sad and beaten they are by the death of their Master. He was so good. He should have become the king? However He let Himself be crucified as a criminal.

The resurrection is the last thing that they expected. But Jesus Himself convinces them. He lives! They see the risen Lord with their own eyes. How is it possible! Mary of Magdalene, the disciples, the women, Cleopas of Emmaus and his friend - all kinds of people who love Jesus see Him again.

Paul mentions in one of his letters that more than 500 eye witnesses met Jesus at once, between His resurrection and His return to Heaven. When He writes this fact in 1 Corinthians 15:6, most of them were still alive. They can confirm that. Many of them are prepared to die for their testimony - so strongly they are convinced of Jesus' resurrection. It has changed their lives completely.

John writes later:

"We have heard it, and we have seen it with our eyes; yes, we have seen it, and our hands have touched it. When this life became visible, we saw it; so we speak of it and tell you about the eternal life which was with the Father and was made known to us."
(1 John 1:1-2)

MEMORY VERSE

"But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"
(1 Corinthians 15:57)

WHO IS JESUS?

My Lord and my God

Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at My hands; then reach out your hand and put it in My side. Stop your doubting, and believe!" Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!"
(John 20:27-28)

Jesus, the Son of God, dies as a vulnerable human being on the cross. But through His resurrection from the dead He proves that He is God. Spontaneously Thomas calls the Lord Jesus "My Lord and my God".

Also in the Old Testament, the Messiah is called God: Mighty God:

*"A child is born to us!
A son is given to us!
And He will be our ruler.
He will be called,
"Wonderful Counsellor",
"Mighty God",
"Eternal Father",
"Prince of Peace"."*
(Isaiah 9:6)



OLD TREASURES

Isaiah writes about the new eternal life in several places in his book. For example:

“Those of our people who have died will live again! Their bodies will come back to life. All those sleeping in their graves will wake up and sing for joy. As the sparkling dew refreshes the earth, so the Lord will revive those who have long been dead.” (Isaiah 26:19)



EXTRA INFORMATION

The heavenly body

With death, life is not over. The Bible says that after death, people still continue to exist. A person has a spirit, a soul and a body. The body is the visible part; the spirit and the soul form the invisible part. The body perishes, but the invisible part of every person stays alive. Followers of Jesus may continue to live in Gods presence after their death. That become possible through the offering that Jesus brought for our sins.

The Bible also teaches that everybody who has died will one day receive a new body. A recognizable body, just like Jesus received when He rose from the dead. The future body is different from our 'earthly body' that we have now. It is no longer subject to sin and death of this earth. That is why it is called a 'Heavenly body'.

WORSHIP HIM AS LORD AND GOD

Read Luke 24:1-35.

Jesus tells His followers in this passage how they should read the Old Testament from now on. They must search for Him in there.

Do you do the same when you read the Bible? Search for Jesus. Then you will notice that your heart will also start to burn!



DO YOU KNOW...?

1. How does Jesus explain to the men that are on the road to Emmaus what the Messiah had to endure (Luke 24:27)?

2. How does Jesus explain to His other disciples what He has done? (Luke 24:44-48)

3. How does Jesus help Thomas with his doubt?

4. What does Thomas call Jesus as soon as he believes?

5. How do we know that the heavenly body of Jesus still looks like His old earthly body?

6. At least how many people saw Jesus after His resurrection?

7. Why is it good to tell your friends that Jesus is raised from the dead?

- a) Because otherwise you won't receive a reward from God.
- b) Because through faith in Jesus your friends will receive eternal life.
- c) Because your friends need to become just like you.

BIBLE READING

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| Sun | Luke 24:13-43 |
| Mon | John 20:19-29 |
| Tue | Isaiah 9:1-6 |
| Wed | Romans 8:31-39 |
| Thu | 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 |
| Fri | 1 Corinthians 15:12-22 |
| Sat | 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 |

ACTION POINT!



Read
Deuteronomy 28:2-14.
Thanks to Jesus, God
wants to give you all
these promises!

Read also
Deuteronomy 28:15-68.
Thanks to Jesus are
these curses not for you
anymore. Jesus took all
these curses on the cross
for you!