

# The King's Joy

**Read:** Luke 24:36-53

**Main Idea:** The joy of the risen King empowers believers to overcome doubt and fear, commissioning them to share the good news of His resurrection with the world.

**Key Verses:** “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” **(Luke 24:46-47)**

## Key Principles

- The risen Christ meets our fears not with rebuke but with peace, so we can bring our anxious hearts to Him without pretending we have it all together.
- Honest doubt is not the enemy of faith when we bring it to Jesus, because He invites investigation rather than demanding blind certainty.
- Christ's bodily resurrection guarantees that our future hope is physical and eternal, not merely spiritual sentiment, and it should reshape how we live today.
- Because all of Scripture testifies to Jesus, we read our Bibles rightly only when we look for Him on every page rather than for ourselves.
- The gospel of repentance and forgiveness is not optional information for the world, so the church that holds it must proclaim it to every nation.
- We cannot accomplish Christ's mission in our own strength, so we must depend daily on the power of the Holy Spirit He has poured out.
- Worship and joy are the natural overflow of knowing the risen King, and a joyless Christianity has forgotten the empty tomb.

## Discussion

1. What does it tell us about the heart of Christ that He greets failing, fearful disciples the way, and where do you most need to hear that word from Him this week?
2. Why was Jesus willing to show His scars and eat to address the disciples' doubts? How does this shape the way we respond to questions about the faith?
3. How does seeing Christ as the center of all Scripture change the way you read your Bible at home?
4. What does it look like to be a witness of Christ's death and resurrection like Jesus commands in verses 47 and 48? Where might God be calling you personally to speak up?
5. What does it look like practically to depend on the Holy Spirit rather than on our own ability when we share our faith?
6. What is one specific step you can take this week to cultivate that same kind of joyful, worship-filled response to the risen King in your own life or family?

## Prayer

- Pray for hearts to overflow with the joy of the risen King.
- Pray for:
  - Our church to boldly proclaim Christ crucified, risen, and ascended.
  - Each of us to walk in the power of the Spirit and not our own strength.
  - The lost in Ocala and the nations to repent and find forgiveness in Jesus.

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- I. Find peace in your fears. 24:36-40**
  - 1. Listen to the words of Christ. 24:36-37
  - 2. Trust in the presence of Christ. 24:38-40
  
- II. Find proof in your hesitation. 24:41-43**
  - 1. Don't avoid your doubt. 24:41
  - 2. Don't ignore the evidence. 24:42-43
  
- III. Find purpose in His plan. 24:44-48**
  - 1. Trust the testimony of Scripture. 24:44-46
  - 2. Proclaim the gospel of Jesus. 24:47-48
  
- IV. Find power through the Spirit. 24:49-53**
  - 1. Follow His direction. 24:49
  - 2. Respond with worship. 24:50-53

NEXT WEEK:  
**A New Beginning**  
Joshua 1:1-9