

# SUNDAY MORNING TO THE DINNER TABLE

## LEARN IT! FIT IT! LIVE IT! DON'T FORGET IT!

Gospel Project: Jesus Saves

Unit 27/ Lesson 1: Jesus Appeared the Disciples

Romans 15:4, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures gives us strength to go on. They cheer us up and give us hope." (NIV)

**Learn it!** The Word of God is how God has chosen to communicate to us His people. To know what God wants us to do in life, we must first read and study His Word.

### 1. Small Group and Family Review before Lesson

- a. There are 2 kinds of witnesses
  - i. Someone who sees something happen
  - ii. Someone who experiences something
- b. The 1<sup>st</sup> kind of witness changes your view.
- c. The 2<sup>nd</sup> kind of witness changes your identity, or simply put YOU.
- d. The disciples didn't just watch Jesus do something, but they watched Jesus be Someone- The Son of God.
- e. What would it be like to see Jesus face-to-face after He rose again?

### 2. Sunday Morning Lesson

- a. Read passage from John 20:19-23.
- b. Background: The disciples of Jesus were experiencing a "rollercoaster" of events over the last week. Jesus had been praised and worshipped on Palm Sunday as he rode into Jerusalem. They had celebrated the Passover with Him, Judas betrayed Him, Jesus was arrested and put on trial. On Friday, he was accused, mocked, beaten, and crucified on a cross. He was buried and now His grave was empty. "Rumors" were spreading that Jesus was alive. Mary Magdalene had just announced that she had seen Jesus. But the disciples were still in fear.
- c. Note: Jesus makes 3 statements to His disciples. If you believe in Jesus, then you are a follower of Jesus too. Pay close attention to His words to you.
- d. In verse 19, where were the disciples? What was the specific detail about the door? Why were the disciples afraid? Who came to them? What did He say?
- e. In verses 20-21, what did Jesus show them? Why? What did Jesus say to them?
- f. In verses 22-23, what did Jesus do and say? How might we get this confused with Pentecost? His action of "breathing on them" was likely a symbol of what was to come, when they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



**Fit it!** The Word of God is living and active in your life today. God's Word is for your life too.

### Small Group Questions after lesson & at the Dinner Table:

1. Key: Just as God the Father sent Jesus into the world, Jesus also sends us to be on mission.
2. Key Questions for each lesson:
  - a. What does this lesson teach you about Jesus?
  - b. What does this lesson teach you about yourself?
  - c. What does this lesson teach you about the gospel? Are you seeking to share this good news with others?
  - d. How does the peace of Christ guard your heart against fears and worries?
  - e. How does Christ's peace help you follow Him on mission to share the good news of Jesus with others?
  - f. What roles does the Holy Spirit play in a Christian's life?
  - g. In what ways do you see yourself as an ambassador, a representative, of Christ?

**Live it!** How will you live life differently through the Bible verses that we read today?

1. Spend time praying about what you learned from God's Word this week.
2. Pray for your small groups and your family's prayer requests.
3. There is a big difference between watching others follow Jesus and following Jesus yourself. You will never experience the joy and blessing of Jesus by just learning about Him or watching others enjoy Him; you need to follow Him yourself. We learn to follow Him through His Word and then following what He says in it.
4. What distractions or obstacles do you have in your life that cause you to forget to follow Christ?

## Don't forget it!

1. **Christ Connection to Lesson:** God the Father sent God the Son into the world to save us world to share the gospel  God the Father and the Son sent the Spirit to empower us for the mission to share the gospel.

## GOSPEL/ GOD'S PLAN FOR US:

- **God rules.** God is the Creator and Ruler of everything.
- **We sinned.** We all have sinned/ disobeyed God. Our sin separates us from Him.
- **God provided.** God is holy and must punish sin. He sent Jesus to take our punishment for our sin for us. His death on the cross was enough to pay for the punishment for all of our sins and the sins of others that believe in Him.
- **Jesus gives.** When Jesus took our punishment for sin, He also gave us His righteousness (His perfect life). If we believe in Jesus and His death and resurrection, God sees us as if we lived the perfect life that Jesus lived. We are no longer separated from God.
- **We grow.** Have you admitted that you are a sinner, needing Jesus to die on the cross for your sins? Do you trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Do you live to follow Him each day? Do you tell others about Him, so that they too can know Jesus?

**April Bible Verses:** I Corinthians 13:1-8a, 12-13: If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I am nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends... For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

## SONG FOR MONTH OF APRIL: [We Are One](#) by Austin Stone Kids

### BIG IDEA UNIT QUESTIONS:

- **Why do believers share the Lord's Supper?** Believers share the Lord's Supper to remember Jesus' life and death.
- **Why did Jesus die on the cross?** Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins, and He is alive today.
- **What does it mean to trust in Jesus?** To trust in Jesus means believing that Jesus' death and resurrection paid for our sins.
- **What is our mission?** Our mission is to tell others about Jesus.

## 99 ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES/ BIBLICAL TRUTHS: God Is One in Three Persons

While the Bible affirms that God is one (Mark 12:29; 1 Cor. 8:4-6), it also affirms that God exists as three Persons—Father, Son, and Spirit. Each Person of the Trinity is fully divine—the Father is God (John 6:27), the Son is God (Phil. 2), the Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4)—and each Person is distinct from the others (Matt. 11:27; John 10:30; 14:16). This perfect unity within the three Persons of the Trinity is a first-order doctrine; departing from it is to abandon orthodox Christianity. Retrieved on 04.15.21 from <https://www.gospelproject.com/wp-content/uploads/tgp2018/2018/03/99-Essentials-Booklet.pdf>.