

7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)

Lesson Plan: Jesus' Resurrection (pt. 2)

Learning Goals: Students will examine the story of Jesus' resurrection appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and compare the details to other events in Jesus' life (Last Supper, Feeding of the 5,000, etc.)

Question: What do you do when you have been severely disappointed? How do you react when life just doesn't work according to your ex expectations?

Prayer

Discuss Question on Board

Read Luke 24:13-49

Road to Emmaus (24:13-35)

- Jesus walks with two disciples on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus (approximately 7 miles west of Jerusalem)
 - One of the disciples is named (Cleopas) the other one is not.
 - They seem to be dejected
 - They did not recognize him (you don't expect dead people to come back to life)
 - *They were like people on a hillside, watching eagerly for the sunrise. ...Disoriented, they are facing the wrong way. The expected moment comes and goes, and nothing happens. Then they become aware that, though the sky they are scanning remains dark, light seems to be shining anyway. With a strange excitement they turn around, to see the sun shining in full strength in the very place they least expected it. (NT Wright)*
- Jesus interprets to them the events of the past few days in light of the OT prophets (Moses and all the prophets)
 - Where have we seen the connection of Moses and the prophets? (Transfiguration - Moses representing the law, Elijah representing the prophets, confirming Jesus' identity as the Messiah).
 - God has been telling one story since the beginning of creation - all of scripture is a grand narrative that leads up to this event in Jesus (life/death/resurrection)
 - There have been many prophecies that have pointed to this
- Hospitality is a primary focus of this text. (Remember that a focus on hospitality was one of the key features of Luke's Gospel)
 - Jesus is the guest that becomes the host - breaking bread and serving the meal. (It would have been customary for someone to invite a traveler in for a meal, but it is strange to allow that guest to serve as the host for a meal.)
 - (Would it seem strange for you to invite a guest over to your house and then expect them to start serving everyone else who already lived there?)
 - As soon as Jesus breaks the bread, their eyes are opened and they know it was him.
 - Notice the verbs: took, blessed, broke, gave (connection to Feeding of the 5,000, Last Supper); maybe they recognized a pattern
 - They rush back to Jerusalem to tell the others

Jesus appearing to the disciples (Luke 24:36-49)

- First reaction - they were frightened - Jesus responds “Peace be with you.” (v. 37)
- Showing them his hands and feet - he gives them proof (vs. 38-40)
- Not a ghost (he is able to eat fish) - hospitality emphasized (vs. 41-43)
- He gave them understanding of the scripture (v. 45)
- Jesus commissions them to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations - their new calling is to be witnesses of what they have seen (v. 47)
- They will not be left alone - Jesus promises his provision for their calling in the Holy Spirit - “stay until you are clothed in power from on high;” - this is paving the way for volume two of Luke’s Gospel in the book of Acts (v. 49)

Lesson Summary/Review:

Students should review and highlight the following vocabulary terms and concepts from this lesson in their notes:

- Emmaus
- What did Jesus tell the disciples along the way?
- What caused the disciples to recognize Jesus at Emmaus?