

The Case of the Christ



Welcome back Detectives...

This case is reaching a conclusion. You have been great detectives working through Dr Luke's evidence - the evidence of the eyewitnesses who saw Jesus. We have seen Jesus is God's king, who is risen from the dead - last time two men saw him alive face to face!

But what does this all mean for us? That is the last piece of evidence I need you to look at.

Here is your next assignment.

Signing off...

P.I. Paul

Opening Prayer

Pray together

'Dear Heavenly Father, help us to know you better as we read this true story from the Bible now, and to love Jesus more. Amen.'

Challenge

Give it a go

Play a game of 'Simon says' - the person who is up - 'Simon' says things for the others to do. If they say 'Simon says' then the others need to do what they say. If they don't say 'Simon says' before they give their command the others don't do it! See if you can catch anyone out.

In today's true Bible story, words which God said come true - they happen. They always do!

Read Bible Passage or Bible Story

Read Luke 24:36-49

You could all face in one direction while this passage is read, but then change directions to face the other way when you get to v47 and the word 'repentance'. If you have enough people, the person who is reading Jesus' words could begin out of the room and enter when it is their first line.

Part 1

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.

(Now do 'Chat it through Part 1)

Part 2

44 He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

(Now do 'Chat it through Part 2)

Chat it through

Part 1

- **Why were the disciples scared?**
(They thought Jesus was a ghost.)
- **What evidence did Jesus give them to show he really was alive?**
(He showed them his hands and feet. They could touch his to see he was real. He ate food - a ghost can't do that!)

(Now read the Passage Part 2)

Part 2

- **What did Jesus say had been written long before that had to happen to him?**
(He would die, rise, and the message about him to be made known to all the world)
- **What is the only right response to Jesus, God's King?**
(Repentance - that means turning around. Stopping living life with myself in charge, and turning to follow Jesus with him in charge of me.)
- **What does Jesus promise those who do turn back to him?**
(Forgiveness of sin - all our wrong dealt with so we can be God's friends. The gift of the Holy Spirit (the power promised to the disciples) - God come to live in us and help us.)
- **What will it look like for you to 'turn around' and seek to live with Jesus in charge?**

Pray it through

This week

Jesus sent his disciples out to tell the world that he is King! Today we are going to pray for one set of people who St Paul's pray for. They have gone to Africa to tell others about Jesus. They are currently back in the Netherlands because of coronavirus, but the rest of their team is still in South Sudan.



- Find a map (online or in an atlas and find two countries - the Netherlands and South Sudan.
- The De Leeuws family moved from the Netherlands to South Sudan to lead a team telling a group of people called the Laarim about Jesus.
- Find a dice - take it in turns to roll...depending on what number you get you can pray the following...

- 1) Father please keep the Laarim and the De Leeuws team safe from coronavirus. Amen.
- 2) Father, please help the De Leeuws have a good internet connection to be able to lead their team from a different country. Amen.
- 3) Father, please would people from the Laarim come to follow Jesus as their king. Amen.
- 4) Father, please help Boaz, Manoah, Amy and Judah to not be confused or sad when they are away from the home they live in. Amen.
- 5) Father, please help the team left in South Sudan to keep going in their work, with the De Leeuws. Amen.
- 6) Father, please help me to be a witness for Jesus among my friends. Amen.

NOW un pause the video on YouTube to continue...

Craft

Here are some things you could do today...

Print these two images out, cut out and stick back to back, but with the pictures upside down from each other. Hole punch the holes. Tie a piece of wool to each hole. Hold the strings tight and spin the string in your fingers. You should see the turnaround from stopping having 'me in charge' to 'Jesus in charge' - that is what repentance is!

