

JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

A FAMILY DEVOTION

36 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.

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.

Luke 24:36-48

In our scripture today we hear of Jesus coming to the disciples after his death and resurrection. I want you to think about how you would have responded If you were there. How would you feel? Scared? Confused? Joyful? Maybe you would feel all of these emotions at once. Would you have believed It was really Jesus? The disciples didn't at first. It took some convincing because they were there when Jesus died and they had never seen someone die and come back to life! How incredible!

Jesus coming to the disciples really proves to us that he loves his children. After his resurrection, he comes back to Earth to show us that he lives. He does this so we may believe In the gospel and share the good news with others!

Dear God,
We are thankful for your resurrection.
We ask that you remain with us and
remind us to accept your peace.
Amen.