



KK '18 DQT Devo: Tuesday/Friday

"We Were Hoping"

Lesson Passage: Luke 24:13-35



Lesson Focus: The children will learn that there are situations and circumstances in life as we obey God that may seem hopeless and helpless. But God is in control and at work even when we cannot see it.

Helping Study Passages: Luke 23:44-56, 24:1-12, 44-49

Lesson Intro: Memory game. Pick one from the group. Lay out the pages face down. Let him or her try to get all the pairs. They can flip a pair of pages at a time until they have gotten them all (If they do it to quickly make it a minute to win it game). Point out how it takes a good memory to be able to pick them all out quickly. Have your parents ever promised you something and forgotten? (If you have a story share it first and then let one or two kids tell their story). How did that make you feel? Some of us may have felt frustrated because what they forgot was something we really wanted. Some of us may have felt sad. Others may have even felt mad. Today we saw the story where Joseph was forgotten and his situation was not the best. In our story we will see how other people in the Bible felt when they had lost their hope.

Story Outline

- I. The death and burial of Jesus. 23:44-56
- II. The apparent sad reality . 24:13-21
- III. The troubling report. 24:22-24
- IV. The encountering of the Truth. 24:25-31
- V. The realization of the Truth. vv.32-35

Story Overview

Two men were traveling a few days after the death of Jesus. On their trip they attempted to make sense of all that had happened. Then unexpectedly they encountered Jesus whom they did not recognize. They quickly let Him know all their concerns. They even shared with Him new information. But they did not understand any of it. They simply thought it all may be over and had hoped it would have been different. Jesus then begins to clarify through Scripture all that had occurred. Slowly they began to understand more. Finally they realized who they had been speaking with, Jesus. He vanished from their sight but they gladly went back to share with the others what had happened to them. They spoke of how Jesus was alive.

Breaking down the Story

- **Story Introduction:** Jesus had been arrested and condemned. The people had asked for His death. Jesus was beaten and then nailed to a cross. He suffered humiliation and excruciating pain until He finally gave up His spirit. Jesus died and was laid in a borrowed tomb. This had all been encountered by those who believed in Jesus. They had stood there witnessing it all without the possibility to help. Many questions and doubts crossed in their minds and hearts. They did not expect that the Anointed One would die this way.

- **Lead roles:** The lead roles in this story are Jesus, Cleopas and the other man who was traveling to Emmaus. These men were traveling and discussing all that had happened. Perhaps they were going over all the details of the last things that had happened to Jesus. When Jesus joins them they did not recognize Him. He asked why they were sad. Then they begin to let Jesus know the cause of their sadness. They told Him of Jesus. They told Him of how Jesus had been taken and put to death. Their sadness came from the fact that they really had believed that Jesus was the One sent to redeem them. But in their eyes this seemed like an unlikely thing after His death.
- **Supporting Cast:** The supporting cast of this event are Mary Magdalene, Joanna, the other Mary, and the women (Luke 24:10). These women had gone to the tomb where Jesus had been laid and encountered a big surprise. The stone was rolled away and the body of Jesus was no longer in the tomb. They were told that Jesus had risen from the dead. They had gone back and told it to the disciples and those with them. It was this report that had Cleopas and the other man traveling to Emmaus very confused. They did not understand what that meant or how it could happen.
- **Climax of the Story:** After Jesus listens to these men traveling to Emmaus and how they did not understand He teaches them. They are sad for all that happened to Jesus. But they forgot all that the Scriptures, Old Testament, said that had to happen to Jesus. Everything from His unfair arrest to His burial was something that was part of the plan of God. Jesus would later also explain to the eleven disciples with the Scriptures that His suffering, death, burial, and resurrection was something that had to happen according to the Scripture.
- **Conclusion of the Story:** Cleopas and the other man eventually understood that there was no need for their sadness. Jesus was truly alive they had seen Him and heard Him. They understood the truth that Jesus taught them of all that had to happen. They went and shared with the eleven disciples and all the people with them. After Jesus also appeared to the eleven and those with them their understanding was also opened to know that their hope was not lost. All that Jesus had suffered and gone through was part of the plan of God to save all from their sins (Luke 24:46-47).

Lesson Conclusion: We see in this story that God is always working. The two men, the disciples, and all of Jesus followers thought that the death of Jesus was the end. But they failed to realize that it was part of the plan of God for something greater, salvation from sin through Jesus. We saw in the story of Joseph that all hope seemed to be lost. He had a great opportunity, but the chief butler forgot about him. It seemed like there would never be another chance and Joseph would never catch another break like he had already. But do you think God had quit working?

Lesson Application: We do not have to fear when our difficulty does not seem to change. Many times we are discouraged because situations happen where we expected for different results. Joseph hoped for a break with the butler going back to Pharaoh. The people in Jesus time hoped that He was the Messiah, but thought He may not have been the Messiah. Do not let circumstances and situation stop you from continuing to trust in God and His plan. Even if it seemed like your best chance is gone, trust God to do great things. Dream big!

Take it to the Cross: You know this all reminds us of the whole story of God from the beginning. God had created a perfect world without sin. But one day man sinned and sin continued on in this world. We all have disobeyed God and fall short of being able to be with Him and have a relationship with Him. The day sin entered the world death entered as well. Sin has caused so much suffering and has cost people not only their lives but separation from God. This world and everyone of us who have sinned were hopeless and without a chance. But God was still working. God had a plan. One day Jesus was born to save people from their sin. God so loved the world He gave Jesus that whoever believes in Him can have everlasting life. His death and burial was not the end. It gave way to His glorious resurrection and the promise of eternal life to all who believe. A mystery revealed to this world. Jesus died, was buried, and rose again to save all. Have you trusted in Jesus?