
Jesus Showed Himself to His Friends

We know that Jesus raised from the dead because the Bible tells us. The first four books of the New Testament are called the gospels. They are written by people who lived with Jesus and saw what He did. We know He came back to life, because they saw Him alive!

They were all sitting together in a room, hiding out of fear. They were confused and sad. They had seen Jesus die, but now people were saying that the body was gone.

Some thought the body was stolen. Others said they had seen Him. Cleopas had seen Him; Peter had seen Him. Then all of a sudden, Jesus was there in the room with them. Now they could all see that Jesus was alive.

He showed them His hands where they had nailed Him to the cross. He showed them His side where the soldiers had stabbed Him with the spear. Most importantly, Jesus explained to them why He had to die. It was not a bad thing. He had to die so that they could live. His death was a once and forever sacrifice for the sins of the world. And now that they had seen Him, it was their job to tell the world about Him.

Discussion Questions

1. How did Jesus surprise the disciples that Sunday night?
2. How could they be sure it was Jesus?
3. How can we be sure it was Jesus?

Memory Verse

Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore. | **Revelation 1.17-18**

