

Matt 28, Lu 24, Jn 20-21, Acts I - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In John 21:1-14 what were the disciples doing and with what results (v2-3)? How did Jesus reveal Himself (v1, 4-6, 11) and how did they respond (v7-8)? What happened next (v9-14)? Why was this significant?	
5. Read John 21:15-17. What were Jesus' 3 questions, Peter's 3 answers, and Jesus' 3 instructions? What was Jesus' point and the application for us?	
6. According to John 21:18-23 what did Jesus tell Peter about the end of his life and how to respond (v18-19)? What did Peter ask (v20-21) and how did Jesus' reply (v22)? What rumor did this start (v23)?	
7. Using Matthew 28:16-20 what did Jesus declare (v18) and what basic command did He give (v19)? What are the three parts of discipleship (v19, 20)?	
8. Based on Matt 28:20 Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4-5 what promises did Jesus make to His disciples and how do these relate? What were they to do (Lu 24:49, Acts 1:4)?	
9. Read Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:8-11. What was Jesus' last promise (Acts 1:8)? Describe His ascension (Lu 24:50-51; Acts 1:9) and the outcome (Lu 24:52-53, Acts 1:10-11).	
10. What do John 20:30-31 and 21:24-25 reveal about the recorded story of Jesus (20:30; 21:24, 25) and its purpose (20:31)? Apply.	
11. Think back over this study of the life of Jesus. What has impressed you most about Him, and what differences has this made in your life?	

Scripture to Remember

“But these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.”

John 20:31 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—The Cost of Discipleship (Acts 7:1-53)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Think back over your life as a Christian—what are some of the surprises that you have had about the Christian life? Would you rate it “easy” or “hard”? Why?
2. Look over Acts 7—what are your impressions of Abraham, Joseph, and Moses? Describe their “calling”, their issue of obedience, their blessing, and their persecution.
3. Discuss our “calling” from God—what it means to be called to salvation, to sanctification, and to service. How does this relate to “being” and “doing”? How are you doing with each and why?
4. Talk about the ways that you are blessed by God when you obey—be specific. How can we focus on the blessing when obedience becomes difficult?
5. Do you agree that our only two choices are to walk in obedience/blessing/persecution or disobedience/curses/consequences? How do you feel about that?
6. Talk about Bonhoeffer's statement, “When God calls a man He calls him to come and die.” What should that look like in your life?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

And So On and So On Matt 28, Lu 24, Jn 20-21, Acts 1

In the 1980’s the classic commercial by Faberge claimed that its Organic Shampoo would be so exciting that the user would tell two friends about it, and they would tell two friends, and so on and so on.... This week’s study reveals that this was the method that Jesus gave His disciples before He went back to heaven. He had done His work to save the world and now He placed this work into their hands. It would be done through what we would call “warm marketing” today; one telling another about the great life of following Jesus, who then “gets it” and tells their friends, and so on. Jesus begins by comforting His doubting disciples. As they were fearfully gathered in Jerusalem He physically appeared in their midst but they thought it was a spirit. He

told them to touch Him, and then ate some fish, showing that He was physically alive. As He declared “peace” to them, He sent them to carry out His mission as the Father had sent Him, and then symbolically breathed the Holy Spirit into them. Since Thomas was absent he didn’t believe; Jesus, though, reappeared so Thomas could feel the scars for himself. Jesus pronounced him blessed for believing, but those who would believe without seeing were even more blessed. Next, Jesus appeared on the Tiberian seashore, directed a miraculous catch of fish, made breakfast, and ate with the disciples. He then restored Peter, outlined his ministry, and prophesied the way he would die. From there Jesus went to Galilee and commissioned His disciples to make



Jesus’ one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

other disciples who also would follow His teachings. He promised them authority for this mission and the power of the Holy Spirit—His personal presence—as they went. He then lifted His hands to heaven and ascended, just as He had promised. The conclusion of Jesus’ story, though, was that so much could have been written about His life that all the books in the world could not have contained it. What had been written, especially the signs recorded, were for the specific purpose of belief in Him. One would believe and tell another, and so on and so on....

Study Questions for Matt 27-28, Mk 15, Lu 24, Jn 19-20

(For answers go to http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study_questions)

1. Read Luke 24:33-43. What was reported (v34-35) and what occurred (v36)? How did they react (v37) and how did Jesus respond (v38-39)? What was the result and what did Jesus do next (v41-42)?	
2. From John 20:19-23 what else did Jesus say and do (v19), and how did they respond (v20)? What was His instruction (v21), what did He symbolically do (v22), and what authority did He give (v23)? Explain.	
3. Using John 20:24-29 how did Thomas react to this story (v24-25) and how did Jesus respond (v26-27)? Apply. What was the result (v28) and what blessing did Jesus give (v29)?	

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