



The Case for the Christ

Luke 24:13-32

Series Summary

The Case for Christ and Christianity has remained a polarizing issue for centuries. Skeptics and seekers strive to poke holes in the reality of the resurrection and the reliability of the Word of God yet the facts have continued to remain valid and true throughout every era. This series will provide reasonable evidence regarding four major areas of the Christian faith: (1) The Case for the Resurrection, (2) The Case for Christ, (3) The Case for Truth, and (4) The Case for Hope. Join us as we study the Reality of the Word of God and the evidence supporting the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Theme Passage

1 Peter 3:15 (ESV) – but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...

Quote

“Jesus was the most important thing in my life...I adore him! Everything good I know, everything decent I know, everything pure I know, I learned from Jesus. In my view, he is the most important human being who has ever existed.” – **Charles Templeton**

Main Text

Luke 24:13-32 (ESV) – ¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our

chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

Big Idea – Jesus Christ Transforms Your Life as the Solid Rock and the Living Redeemer

Three Conclusions Drawn from the Case for Christ

Conclusion #1 – Jesus is the Risen Redeemer and the Author of Your Hope

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"If I know that Jesus lives for me, then darkness is not dark. Even the night is light about me." – **C.H. Spurgeon**

Conclusion #2 – Jesus is the Cornerstone of Our Faith and the Almighty Savior

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Quote

Jesus Christ did not come into this world to make bad people good; He came into this world to make dead people live. – **Lee Strobel**

Conclusion #3 – Jesus is the Anchor of Your Life and Finisher of Your Faith

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Quote

If Jesus is the Son of God, his teachings are more than just good ideas from a wise teacher, they are divine insights on which I can confidently build my life. – **Lee Strobel**

Memory Verse

John 20:31 (ESV) – But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Challenge:

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the study guide found at the Connection Point.