



A Sure Foundation

The beliefs that we build our lives on

JESUS TO COME

MONTH 3

WEEK 4

READ:

Luke 20-24

Isaiah 53



So we reach the end of the story of Jesus on earth, only it really isn't the end at all, but an invitation to begin. Now, it is time for us, under the Spirit's lead, to walk as Jesus did. To make sense of His words, and put them into action. To wait for Him to come again as He promised us that He would, this time in all His glory to claim us and present us as His perfect and unblemished bride!

What picture are we given in Revelation 19:7-9? _____

What does the fine linen stand for? _____

So, what must we do to prepare for His return? What does it mean to be "ready?"

Luke 12:35-48 _____

Luke 14:15-24 _____

Luke 16:19-31 _____

Luke 17:20-37 _____

Luke 18:18-22 _____

Luke 19:11-27 _____

Luke 21 _____

Luke 22:40,46 _____

What were the women doing at Jesus' tomb? _____

How did that make them "ready" to see Jesus? _____



"Anyone who does not give up everything

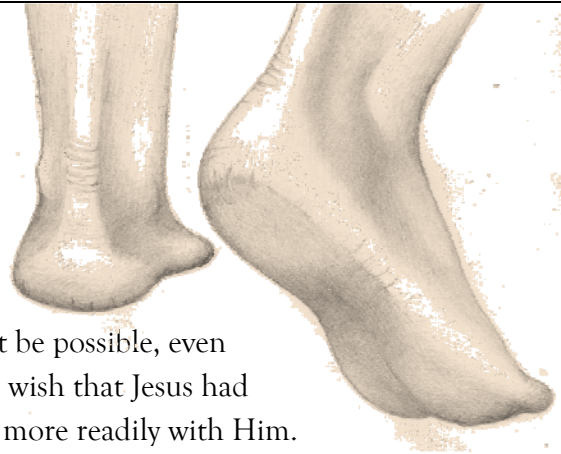
he has cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:33

WALK AS JESUS DID

“Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.”

1 John 2:6



Wow. This verse does not say that we should **try** to walk as Jesus did, or make that our goal. It says that we **must** walk as Jesus did if we claim to live in Him. That means that it must be possible, even though we have not reached a state of perfection. Sometimes I wish that Jesus had been a wife or a mother so that perhaps I could identify a little more readily with Him. What would His life look like if He were me? He was from a different culture, a different gender, and a different marital status. But the Greek word for walk is *peripateo*, which means “to conduct one’s life” (Key Word Study Bible) and really implies that we live by the same general principles that Jesus did. If I am guided in my life by those same basic principles, then I am walking as Jesus did. When Jesus said “Follow me” to the disciples, He was inviting them to live with Him and observe Him so that they could become imitators of Him. Their lives would not unfold in exactly the same pattern as His, and they still maintained their unique personalities, but the principles that He taught by His example could still be followed.

- ✓ In Luke 10:25-28, Jesus confirms that the words of Deut. 6:4,5 still hold true. Luke 22:42 is just one example of how Jesus walked in that truth. What is the principle for us to live by? _____

- ✓ Philippians 2:1-8 describes the way that Jesus let go of His existence as God in order to become a humble servant to even the most loathsome and sinful of humanity. How did He give us an example of living the principle of humility in Luke 5:12-13 and 29-30? _____
What example of service did He give in 22:27? _____
How can we follow that example today? _____
- ✓ In Luke 4:1-12, what did Jesus use to combat temptation? _____
What did Jesus use in 4:17-20 to announce His ministry in Nazareth? _____
What did Jesus use to explain to the men on the road to Emmaus who He really was in 24:27? _____

What do we need to do to apply this principle in our own life? _____
- ✓ In Luke 11:39-52 what did Jesus have to say to the Pharisees and experts in the law? _____

What did Jesus do in Luke 19:45-46? _____
When might we also need to follow Jesus’ example of speaking a hard truth? _____

- ✓ Jesus expected God to act. He didn’t hold back from anything, but acted in confidence that God would come through. I’m positive that it was not always easy for Him. We know that He felt the anguish of anticipating the cross and of the temporary separation from His Father. Yet, He kept putting Himself in the position of counting on God. Every time He healed someone, every demon He drove out, every miracle performed, put Him out on a limb where if God didn’t come through He would surely crash.

THE GOD OF THE LIVING

What did Jesus mean with His comment about the capstone in Luke 20:17,18? _____

How did Jesus say that Moses showed that the dead rise in 20:37? _____

What did Jesus caution about watching for the Son of Man to return in chapter 21? _____

What things did Jesus warn might weigh down our hearts (21:34)? _____

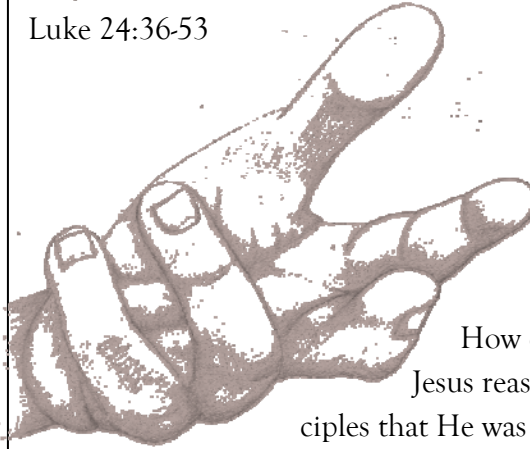
When the women told the apostles that Jesus had risen, how was the news received (24:11)? _____

What did Jesus say they were in 24:25? _____

Our culture still finds the identity and teachings of Jesus hard to swallow. A basic tenant of Christian belief is that Jesus is the only route to eternity spent with the Father, and He is, in fact, one with the Father; that He is the Son of God, born of a virgin and without sin was crucified and rose on the third day. In our day of “enlightened” spirituality, a different message is preached from many popular “pulpits”. Jesus has been reshaped to be a little more palatable to the values that we have come to prize. Many Americans value His compassion and advocacy for social justice, but believe that He sinned, and question His deity. He is seen as only one of many ways to heaven, and when we speak the truth there are many who will say “Nonsense!”

LOOK AT MY HANDS...TOUCH ME AND SEE

Luke 24:36-53



How did the risen Jesus reassure the disciples that He was not a ghost?

What did they see in his hands and feet that would help them? _____

What did Thomas say that he needed to see in John 20:25? _____

What did Jesus show him in v. 27? _____

Even though Jesus had conquered death and risen to new life, His old wounds were still evident at this point in time. We too bear the scars of living in this world, and perhaps they have purposes that we cannot yet know. When we are “healed” and given new life, we are eager to be rid of all evidence of old scars, but maybe they remain as a testimony to the work God has done and is doing. We are real people. Those who see the identity of the risen Savior in our lives might also be reassured to see that?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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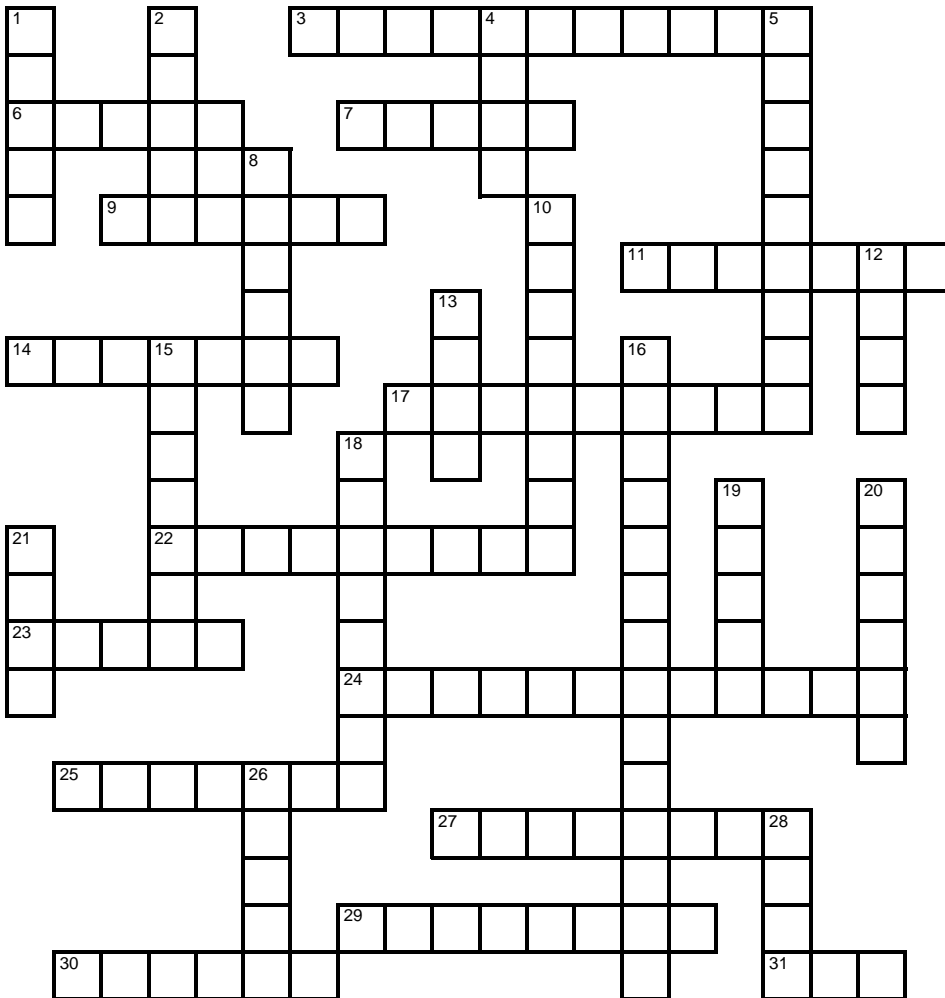
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PUZZLE PAGE

Isaiah 53



Across

- 3. took up ours
- 6. will have a portion among them
- 7. brought by punishment
- 9. had none
- 11. a man of _____
- 14. this happened for our iniquities
- 17. will see them
- 22. by God
- 23. didn't open it
- 24. made this for the transgressors
- 25. had none to attract us
- 27. what men did to Him
- 29. was taken away by this
- 30. had none

Down

- 1. will see the _____ of life
- 2. was assigned one with the wicked
- 4. was with them in His death
- 5. was familiar with this
- 8. by His wounds
- 10. along with afflicted
- 12. it was the Lord's to crush Him
- 13. made a guilt offering
- 15. a righteous one
- 16. was pierced for ours
- 18. laid on Him
- 19. men hide theirs
- 20. cut off from this land
- 21. was like this
- 26. grew up as a tender one
- 28. prolonged

Answer these clues about the Messiah with words from Isaiah 53 (NIV translation)

