

There was a buzz in the upper room. The disciples had retreated there over the weekend. "Was it really possible?" Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome and Mary the mother of James were adamant, they had been taking spices out to redo Jesus body early on Sunday morning - the tomb was empty! Two young men, obviously angels, had told them that Jesus was risen. They believed what they had been told. "Why couldn't the disciples believe it?" In fact, Mary Magdalene claimed to have talked directly to Jesus Himself!

Peter and John ran out of the room to check for themselves. While John got there first, it was the boisterous Peter who entered the tomb first. "It was empty! It was true!" But still everyone struggled to accept that it was really true.

That afternoon, Cleopas and his friend were walking the 10 kilometres back home to Emmaus from Jerusalem. They were trying to figure out just what was really true. They wished they could believe that Jesus was risen. It all seemed so confusing and discouraging. Animatedly, they chatted through the options as they walked.

A third Man joined them. He listened for a while and then quietly asked, "What are you talking about?" They looked up in amazement. "Where have You been? Are you the only person in all of Jerusalem who has not heard the rumours? Let us fill you in."

So they shared the events of the weekend. They had hoped that Jesus was the Messiah. But now they were not sure. Jesus had been unjustly tried, wrongly crucified. Apparently raised from the dead by the claims of the women this morning. Peter and John had confirmed the tomb was empty. They concluded: their hopes were dashed and they were just trying to figure out how to respond to all this.

Not recognizing the Man, they listened as He began to give them a Bible Study on just what the Scriptures said about the Messiah. Their assumptions of deliverance and glory for Israel were not accurate. As they listened further, it became clear that in fact the suffering and death of the Messiah was clearly predicted in Scripture. Cleopas and his friend began to get really excited as they realized that Jesus really was the predicted Messiah. That what had happened that week was supposed to happen to the Messiah. Wow! As the Man unfolded the Scriptures to them, it all fitted into place.

They arrived at their home and invited the Man to join them. He declined and said He would keep going further. But Cleopas insisted that He join them for the evening meal. The bread and other food was quickly laid on the table. They sat down and the Stranger took the bread, gave the blessing and shared it with the hosts. Suddenly, Cleopas recognized Jesus. The scars of the cross were visible now. It was Jesus for sure. He smiled at them and then just disappeared. They looked at each other and stated, "Didn't we feel on fire as He talked with us and opened to us the Scriptures back on the road?"

They did not hesitate. Grabbing a fire-brand, they ran back to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room where the disciples were staying. Bursting in the doors, they excitedly exclaimed, "It is true! Jesus is Risen. We have seen Him. We walked with Him. We listened as He explained the Scriptures so clearly about what had to happen to the Messiah."

While they were still sharing the story, Jesus Himself suddenly appeared amongst them. He affirmed the story. He shared some food and explained even more about His role as the Messiah from the Scriptures to the whole group. They all believed now.

Jared was so glad he was wedged in a corner of the room and had seen it all happen for himself. He had heard the story from the women and believed it. He had seen the puzzled look on Peter and John's face as they had returned from the empty tomb. He had listened as Cleopas shared their experience. He had not been startled when Jesus appeared as by now, Jared's simple faith had accepted that Jesus was really alive.

He knew he would never be the same again. He knew that when Jesus had told everyone they needed to share the message about Jesus and His next return to earth, that meant he had something to do for God as well. He would share that Good News. He would let Jesus take control of his life from now on. He was on fire for God.

Understanding

Sabbath

Each word in this question is backwards. Rewrite it so you can understand.

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DNA NEHT TI EDAM ECNES?

HAVE Y _____

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Sunday

On the same day that Jesus rose from the dead, two of His followers were walking to the village of Emmaus which was seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked, they talked about what had happened; they were very sad because they thought Jesus was dead. As they walked a third person joined them; they did not know but it was actually Jesus! (God kept them from recognizing Him.)

Jesus asked what they were talking about.

Surprised, they said, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who doesn't know!" Then they told Him about the wonderful things Jesus had done, and how the religious leaders had had Him crucified. "We had hoped that He was the Messiah, come to save Israel," They said.



Then Jesus talked to them of the things that the prophets had written in the Scriptures, the Old Testament of the Bible. He reminded them of the verses that clearly predicted all the things that had happened; that the Messiah would suffer and die.

By this time, they were near to Emmaus, Jesus acted as if He was going on, but they insisted He spend the night at their house.

As they sat down to eat, Jesus took the bread and blessed it. Then they recognised Jesus and at that moment He disappeared!

They immediately returned to Jerusalem where they found the disciples and other followers of Jesus and told them what had happened.

Friday

John 11:25 NLT, "I am the _____ (3 down) and the _____ (13a). _____ (put your name here) who

_____ (5a) in Me will _____ (1d), even after dying."

2 Corinthians 5:15 NLT, "He _____ (12d) for everyone so that those who received His new life, [including _____ (your name)] will no longer live for _____ (9a). Instead, _____

(your name) will live for Christ who _____ (14a) and was _____

(6a) for them.

And because of this Hebrews

13:20-21 NIV says, "Now may _____ (5)

the _____ (11a) of _____

(7d), who through the blood of

the eternal covenant brought

back from the dead our

_____ (13d) _____

(2d), that great Shepherd of the

sheep, _____ (10d)

_____ (your name)

with everything good for

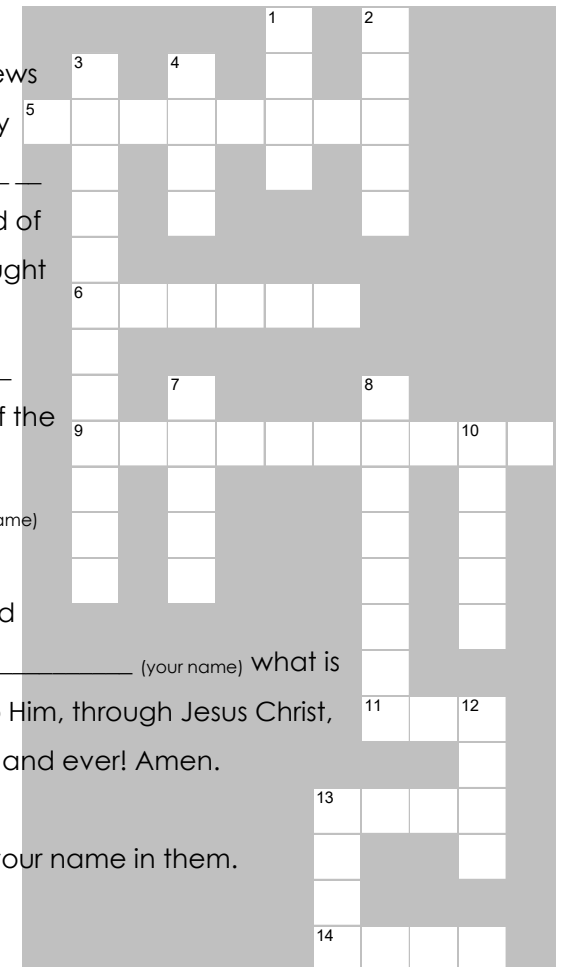
doing His _____ (4d), and

may He work in _____ (your name) what is

_____ (8d) to Him, through Jesus Christ,

to whom be glory for ever and ever! Amen.

Reread these verses with your name in them.



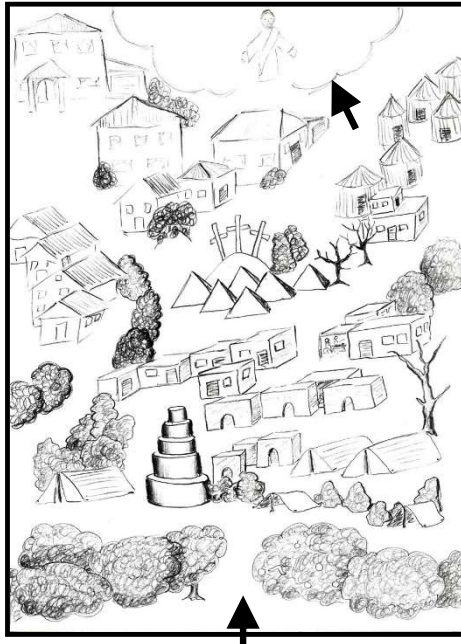
Thursday

Everything that the Prophets had said would happen to Jesus did, and we can be sure everything the Bible says, will happen in the future will too.

Follow the path through the maze. How many events from history do you recognize?

Challenge: Draw your own Bible history maze.

Because Jesus died and rose again, just as the prophets wrote that He would, we can be sure the other things Jesus has said are true. Find the words from this special verse.



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E T F U R T U H R V E N O T
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For God so loved
the world that He
gave his one and
only Son, that
whoever believes
in Him shall not
perish but have
eternal life.

Monday

As the two men from Emmaus told their story to the disciples, they suddenly saw Jesus Himself standing there with them.

"Peace be with you," He said. But the whole group was startled and frightened; they thought they were seeing a ghost! Jesus said, "Look at the wounds on My hands and feet, touch Me and see that I am really here."

They were still shocked, so Jesus asked, "Do you have anything here to eat?" And they gave him some broiled fish and watched as He at it.

But one of the disciples, Thomas, was not there. When the disciples told him about seeing Jesus he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in His hands and touch them with my own hands."

Eight days later when the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly Jesus was standing with them. "Peace be with you," He said again. Then He turned to Thomas and said, "Look at My hands, touch My wounds and believe it is really Me."

"It is My Lord!" Thomas exclaimed.

"You believe because you have seen, blessed are those who believe without seeing," Jesus said.

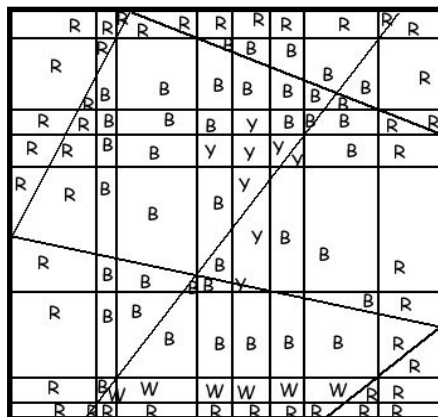


The book of John finishes with this story and concludes: "The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him you will have life by the power of His name." NLT

Tuesday

Jesus talked to the two men on the way to Emmaus; He talked about the things the prophets had written about Him.

B = Black, R = Red, Y = Yellow



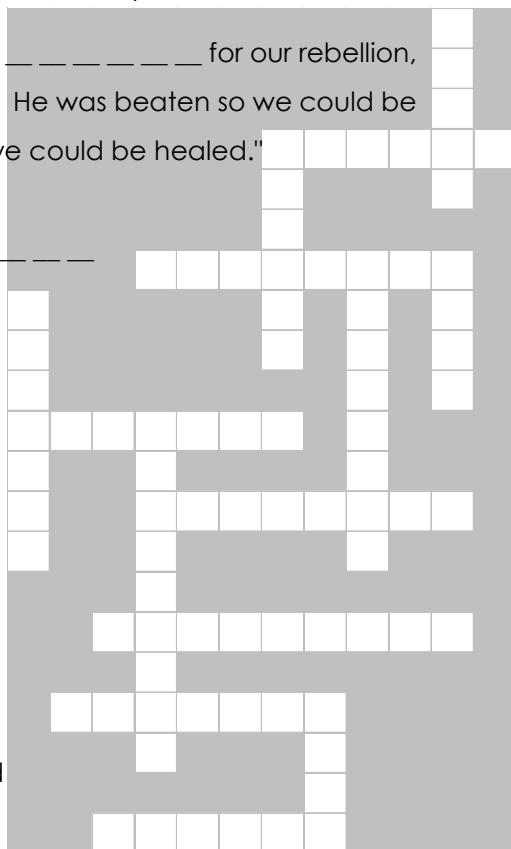
Here are some of those things Jesus may have shown them:

Isaiah 53:5NLT, "But He was _____ for our rebellion, _____ for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed."

Psalm 22:18NLT "They _____ divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing."

Psalm 34:20NLT "For the Lord _____ the _____ of the righteous; not one of them is _____!"

Fit the missing and underlined words in the puzzle.



Wednesday

What did Thomas say he needed to do before he would believe Jesus was alive?

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What did Jesus say when Thomas saw Him and finally believed?
John 20:29 NLT,

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"You believe because you have seen Me. _____ are those who believe without seeing Me."

Find all of the words from John 20:29 in the grid. Some words are diagonal.

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A V M S E E I N G N S H I E
F O G N L Q Y R B W Z T L C
M B U F I H A M S O H E N F
U M B L E S S E D O G O K W
V J E A V K D H U F Y V K E
Y N C W E H V T L S G J D H
S O A G Q U Y H A V E E O C
N P U Z X A L O U E B E F I
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