

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 30. Living and loving like Jesus



**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**LOOKING FURTHER:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, 1 John 4:7-21

### What does this Bible passage tell us?

When the risen Jesus appeared to His remaining eleven disciples in Galilee, they worshipped Him, but some doubted that He'd been raised from the dead. A few weeks ago, we talked about Thomas who needed to see Jesus' wounds before he would believe the person who stood before him was the risen Jesus. I can understand both reactions. I can understand the great joy in seeing Jesus alive again and worship being the only response. But I can also understand the doubt. How could a dead person come back to life?

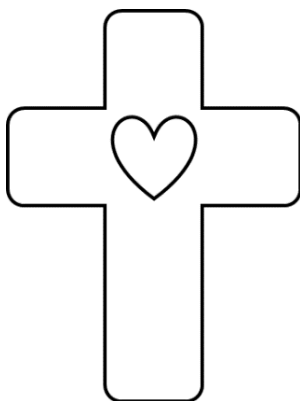
As followers of Jesus, we have been given a job to do - we are to tell everyone who will listen all about Jesus. Some will react with joy and others with doubt. We are to tell them who Jesus is, what He came to do, how He did that, and what that means for you, and for them.

So what is the best way to share Jesus with others? It is to live like Him. That is easier said than done as it involves loving people as Jesus did. It means loving every person even if we do not like them. Jesus loves us even when we are rude, annoying, difficult, offensive and undeserving. He forgives us for those things because He knows we are made in His image. We are hand-crafted by God. And of course everyone else is, too. When we understand that by being rude and insulting to someone we are doing that to one of God's beautiful creations, it will help us to change the way we treat people and to love them.

### Reflections:

- When you think about Jesus, do you react with joy or doubt? If doubt, why not pray to God and ask Him to talk to you, to show you who He is. Then sit in quiet for a few moments so that you can hear Him.
- You have more chance of people listening to you and believing in Jesus if you can tell them what difference Jesus has made in your life. If you have never done so, think about that now so that you can share your story with someone else when you have a chance.
- People are more likely to listen to you if they also see Him in the way you live. If you struggle to love others, pray this:  
*Jesus, I need Your help. Sometimes it can feel impossible to love everyone around me. God, give me eyes to see people the way You see them. Help me to love people the way You love them and to treat people the way You treat them. In Jesus' name, AMEN.*

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

