



THE REALLY GOOD LIFE!

The Life of Christ Series

Gospel of Luke

You Better Not Doubt

Luke 24:36-43



During this holiday season much focus is given to a fictitious character Santa Clause instead of God and the gift of Jesus Christ. The popular children's song, *Santa Clause Is Coming to Town*, has been sung many times. It warns children to be good so they may receive gifts. If we fail to pay attention to the lyrics, you will miss how the attributes of God are given to this fictitious character.

Last week in Luke 24:28-35, on their walk to Emmaus, the disciples were not watching out for the resurrected Christ, instead they were pouting. In this week's study, Jesus comes to town and appears before His disciples. They were doubting Jesus' appearance in the flesh. Will you be like these disciples and not remember what Jesus has said about coming back to town? As disciples we must not doubt His word and watch for His coming. However, if you have not received Jesus as your Savior, a Gift from God, then you will not be on His "good" list and you better watch out for Satan's claws.

Luke 24:36-43

³⁶ Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." ³⁷ But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. ³⁸ And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹ Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.

⁴⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹ But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴² So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³ And He took it and ate in their presence.

1. Read and compare Luke 24:28-35 with Luke 24:36-42? What are the similarities?
2. Why didn't the disciples believe? Why was it necessary for Jesus to offer to touch his hands and feet?
3. Take a closer look at the lyrics of *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town* and what you know about Santa. Discuss how Santa Claus is given the attributes of God. (Example: omniscient, omnipresent, immutable, eternal, etc...)

You better watch out, you better not cry.
You better not pout, I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list, checking it twice,
Gonna find out who's naughty or nice.
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake

Merry Christmas

