## 1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## Luke 24:36-48

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

## **Christ is Alive!**

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

**3** Not throned afar, remotely high, Untouched, unmoved by human pains, But daily, in the midst of life, Our Savior in the God-head reigns **2** Christ is alive! No longer bound To distant years in Palestine, But saving, healing, here and now, And touching every place and time.

**4** In every insult, rift and war, Where color, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, And lives, where even hope has died.

**5** Christ is alive, and come to bring Good news to this and every age, Till earth and sky and ocean ring With joy, with justice, love and praise.

## Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

**1** Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of all, From the best bliss that earth imparts, We turn, unfilled, heed Thy call.

**3** We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, And long to feast upon Thee still; We drink of Thee, the fountain-head, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill. **2** Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call; To them that seek Thee, Thou art good, To them that find Thee, all in all.

**4** Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, Where'er our changeful lot is cast; Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

**5** O Jesus, ever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright; O chase the night of sin away; Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.