

Short Talk

(SHT093)

A New Body!

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SHORT TALK: “A New Body!”

- Aim of Short talk:** To teach that when Jesus was raised from the dead, He was given a resurrection body that was equally at home on earth and in heaven. Followers of Jesus will receive a similar kind of resurrection body one day.
- Use of Short talk:** This is a short All Age talk picking out one issue from the Lectionary Gospel reading of the Sunday main service. The talk stands alone and assumes that the Gospel Bible reading may not yet have been read to the congregation. It could be used for example, for the whole congregation before the children go out to their age specific groups, leaving the adults with a full sermon later.
- Main themes:** Jesus, Easter, Resurrection, Body
- Biblical references:** Luke 24:36b-48
- Lectionary:** Year B – The 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Props:** You may want to show pictures of the “James Bond” car that was used in the film, “The spy who loved me.” (See the Appendix)

Some of you here may have seen the James Bond film, “The spy who loved me.”

- In that film there is a scene where James Bond is driving a car like this (*Project or show the picture of the Lotus car on land in Appendix 1*), and is being chased by someone who wants to kill him in a helicopter.
- He drives faster and faster to try and get away from the helicopter and eventually comes to the end of the pier.

Imagine the shock of the girl, who is the passenger in this car, when James Bond drives off the pier and into the sea.

- She thinks that she and James are about to drown!

But this car is different from most cars.

- It doesn’t simply work on dry land.
- It can be transformed so that it also works under water. (*Project or show the picture of the Lotus car in water in Appendix 1*)
- This car is equally at home on land and under the water, as a submarine.

Although the girl’s initial reaction to being underwater in a car was fear;

- once she accepted that this car was different from other cars that she had experienced, her fear left her.

We can be afraid sometimes can’t we when we come across something that is outside of our experience, and which we can’t understand.

The disciples were afraid when Jesus suddenly appeared among them a few days after He had been raised from the dead.

You see Jesus' body had been transformed into a glorious body that was equally at home on earth and in heaven.

- His Resurrection body could simply appear and disappear at will.
- His body could walk through walls and yet it still looked like Jesus.
- His body had flesh and bones and bore the scars of the crucifixion.

The disciples had never experienced anything like this before and so they were frightened, thinking that Jesus was a ghost.

- Jesus reassured His friends by telling them to look at his hands and his feet, and to touch him so that they could see and feel that He was real.

When the disciples were still uncertain Jesus asked for a piece of fish to eat,

- which He then ate in front of them all.

Gradually the disciples realised that it really was Jesus standing in front of them, even though He was now different, and their fear left them.

One day St Paul tells us that we, like Jesus, will be raised from the dead to live with Jesus forever. (1 Corinthians 15)

- Our bodies too will be transformed like Jesus' body was, so that they will no longer die or wear out,
- but will be fit for living for all eternity.

We might think that it would be really cool to have a car, like James Bond had, that is equally at home on land and in the sea,

- but even more exciting than that is the promise we have of a resurrection body like Jesus', that is equally at home on earth and in heaven.
- Now that is something to look forward to!

Appendix - The “James Bond” car in the film, “The spy who loved me”

On Land:



In Water:

