

BIBLE STUDY
I WILL – Lesson 14
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I WILL RETURN TO GLORY
Luke 24:28-35

Last week Tiger Woods stunned the golf world by winning the prestigious Master's Tournament. Confirming that he won this championship after 14 years of a dry spell the television announcer said, "The Return to Glory." As I pondered this statement I was a little puzzled. We celebrate the fact that Tiger has won a championship after overcoming many physical and emotional challenges but he does not deserve the glory. Glory belongs to God and to Him alone.

Then I thought about Holy Week, the agony of Holy Thursday, the dark day of Good Friday and the great and glorious celebration of this day, Resurrection Sunday. Then I read this text, the 24th chapter of the gospel according to Luke. In this text I saw Jesus in His return to Glory. Every Sunday the church celebrates Jesus' return to glory. It is during the Easter season that we highlight the resurrection story which is The Return to Glory!

Let me share with you three things about The Return to Glory.

- I. Spend Time with the Lord. (vs. 28-30) His presence
 - A. Invite Christ to sit with you
 - B. Invoke Christ to stay with you
- II. See the Lord. (vs. 31-32) His perception
 - A. Have an expectation of Him
 - B. Have an experience with Him
- III. Strengthened by the Lord. (vs. 33-35) His power
 - A. Strengthens us to rise above our trials
 - B. Strengthens Himself to rise for our triumph