

# Luke 24:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

## Analysis

**They rose up the same hour** (ἀναστάντες αὐτῇ τῇ ὡρᾳ, anastantes autē tē hōra)—The verb anistēmi (rose up), often used for resurrection itself, here describes their immediate response. Despite evening darkness, dangerous roads, and the seven-mile journey back to Jerusalem, resurrection joy compelled instant action. **The same hour** emphasizes urgency—this news couldn't wait until morning.

**And found the eleven gathered together** (εὗρον ἡθροισμένους τοὺς ἔνδεκα, heuron ēthroismenos tous hendeka)—The 'eleven' (Judas dead, Thomas absent per John 20:24) were gathered in fearful hiding (John 20:19), yet united. The perfect participle ēthroismenos (having been gathered) suggests they'd been together for hours, processing reports. The Emmaus disciples arrived to announce their encounter, only to hear **The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon** (v. 34)—their testimony confirmed before they spoke.

## Historical Context

The seven-mile return journey to Jerusalem from Emmaus in darkness demonstrated remarkable courage given the disciples' earlier fear of Jewish authorities. Night travel risked robbery and wild animals. Their willingness to brave these dangers reveals how transformative the resurrection encounter was. The 'eleven' designation becomes standard post-resurrection terminology, distinguishing the apostolic core after Judas's betrayal.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does the disciples' immediate return to Jerusalem despite danger teach about prioritizing gospel proclamation?
2. How does finding the eleven 'gathered together' model the church's unity in resurrection faith?
3. When has recognizing Christ compelled you to immediate action despite inconvenience or risk?

## Interlinear Text

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And they rose up the same G3588 hour and returned to  
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Ἰερουσαλήμ καὶ εὗρον συνηθροισμένους τοὺς ἔνδεκα καὶ  
Jerusalem And found gathered together G3588 the eleven And  
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τοὺς σὺν αὐτοῖς  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 16:13** (Parallel theme): And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.