

Grade 6, Lesson 12 Jesus' Resurrection

Bible Background

The birth of Christ was such a significant event that it became the pivotal date in world history, with events now dated from before or after Christ. The resurrection of Christ did not affect the historical timeline in that way, but it is the historical event upon which Christian doctrine stands or falls. The apostle Paul said that “if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins...If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most to be pitied” (I Corinthians 15:17, 19).

Jesus said He must go to Jerusalem where he would suffer, die and be raised again (Matthew 16:21). The events of His arrest and trial, though cruel and illegal, were the means by which God the Father brought Jesus to the cross. Much of His suffering, as well as His words from the cross, fulfilled scriptures written hundreds and even thousands of years before (e.g., Matthew 27:46 & Psalm 22:1; John 19:36 & Psalm 34:20; John 19:37 & Zechariah 12:10). He bore the iniquity of us all and was led like a lamb to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:6-7).

The prophet also said “His grave was assigned to be with wicked men, yet with a rich man in His death” (Isaiah 53:9). That prophecy was fulfilled as “there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph,” who buried the body of Jesus in his own new tomb “hewn out in the rock” (Matthew 27:58, 60). A large stone was rolled across the entrance and Pilate ordered it be secured with guards and with a seal on the stone (Matthew 27:65-66). The tomb was “tamper-proof.”

When the women came to the tomb early on the first day of the week, “they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus” (Luke 24:2-3). Two men (angels) asked a curious question: “Why do you seek the living One among the dead?” (Luke 24:5). The women were in a cemetery; they were not looking for a “living One.” When we are in a cemetery we don't look for the living, and we expect the dead to be where we placed them—in a sealed casket inside a sealed vault, all securely buried under an undisturbed carpet of grass.

But Jesus said “an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; . . .” (John 5:28-29), “. . . and the dead in Christ shall rise first” (I Thessalonians 4:16). We who are alive and living in that “blessed hope” will be caught up “to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord” (I Thessalonians 4:17). Job knew this a long time ago (Job 19:25) and Samuel Medley said it well in his hymn, “I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!”

Answers for Quarter 1, Lesson 12

1. Pilate questioned the centurion who confirmed that Jesus was dead.
2. Joseph of Arimathea was a believer who was a member of the Council who had not consented to their plan and action to kill Jesus.
3. Joseph laid Jesus' body in a tomb which had been carved out of the rock.
4. Joseph rolled a stone against the entrance.
5. Pilate gave directions to send a guard and set a seal on the stone. *Why?* To prevent the disciples from stealing Jesus' body and claiming that He had risen from the dead.
6. They expected to find the stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and wondered who would roll it away.
7. They found the huge stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb.
8. The women were perplexed. *Why?* Because they did not find the body of Jesus there.
9. The women were terrified. *Why?* Because suddenly two men stood by the women dressed in dazzling clothing.
10. The men said, "He is not here, but He has risen!"
11. The women were encouraged to remember that Jesus had told them He must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and the third day rise again.
12. The women remembered Jesus' words and reported to the disciples and others that Jesus was alive!
13. The one who believes in Jesus will have eternal life.
14. Possible answers: fear of the unknown, fear of separation from loved ones, guilt over sin, they love this world, they haven't heard and believed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and life which promises life after death to believers in Christ. All believers will spend eternity in heaven. (See Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57.)
15. The joy of knowing that Jesus lives and gives His life and His victory to all who believe can give me victory over my fears and inspire me through the hope of eternal life to live my life in every way for Him and for all that matters for eternity!

Catechism Corner

1. The resurrection assures us that Christ is the Son of God and that He has conquered death and made full satisfaction for our sins.
The resurrection gives us power to arise from spiritual death and to live a new and holy life.
The resurrection assures us that our bodies shall arise in glory on the last day.
2. That when he died that day he would be with Jesus in Paradise (heaven).
3. The Holy Spirit helps us to walk daily in newness of life through the study of God's Word, time spent in worship, prayer, fellowship with other believers, serving Jesus, being a witness for Him, etc.

Word Works

“and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ And they remembered His words.”



Memory Scramble

This week's memory verse is all scrambled up. Put the memory verse back together by first labeling the boxes with numbers and then writing it on the lines provided below.

___ and believes ___ who lives ___ will never ___ life;

___ and the ___ this?" ___ Jesus ___ believes ___ the resurrection

___ and everyone ___ he dies, ___ "I am ___ in Me ___ Do ___ die.

___ even if ___ to ___ in Me ___ he who ___ you believe

___ will live ___ said

John 11:25-26



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Write all your words below. (You may or may not use all the blanks.)



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(Possible answers: *sin, rust, rescue, teen, sun, son, rest, rut, sent, steer, not, section, rent, nest, nut, coin, ten, set, scent***)**