

● Lesson 12

JESUS' RESURRECTION

Many people thought the story of His life was over after Jesus died on the cross and was buried. For those who wanted Jesus to be crucified, there was relief that the One they hated was now dead. For the followers of Jesus, there was great sadness because the One they believed in had been put to death. But the story was not over. Let's look at the facts.

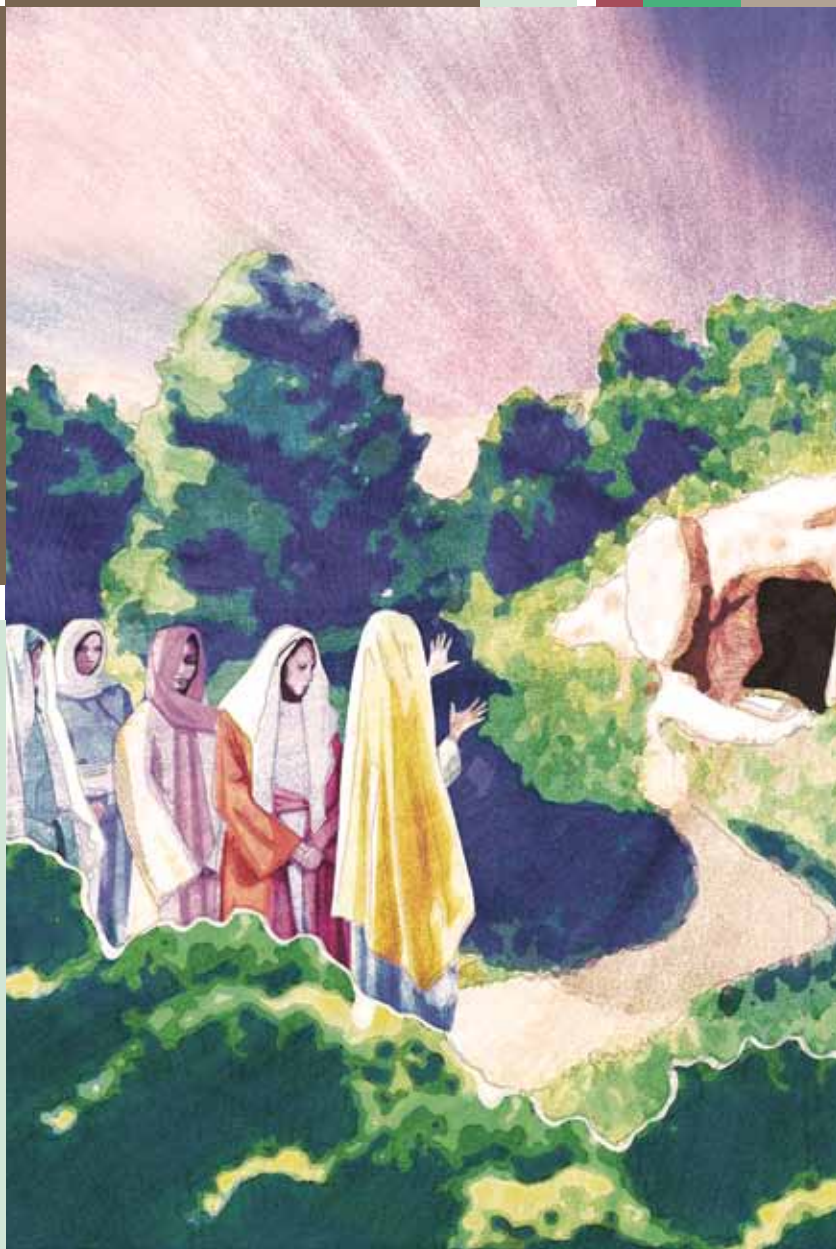
1. Read Mark 15:42-47. Who confirmed that Jesus was dead? vv.44-45 _____

After Jesus' death, a man named Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus so that it could be properly buried. At that time, it was **customary** to bury the body the same day the person died.

2. What does the Bible tell us about Joseph of Arimathea? Luke 23:50-51 _____

Joseph took Jesus' body down from the cross and wrapped it in clean linen.

3. Where did Joseph lay the body? Luke 15:46 _____



4. What did Joseph put at the entrance of the tomb? v.46 _____

5. What was done to secure the tomb? Why? Matthew 27:63-66 _____

Early the first day of the week, on Sunday, some women who were followers of Jesus went to the tomb with spices and perfumes to anoint the body of Jesus.

Memory Verse

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

6. When they reached the tomb where they had seen Joseph lay Jesus' body, what did they expect to find? Mark 16:3 _____

7. Instead, what did they find? Mark 16:4 _____

8. What was the reaction of the women in Luke 24:3-4? Why? _____

9. What was the reaction of the women in Luke 24:5? Why? _____

10. What did the men say? Luke 24:6 _____

11. What facts were the women encouraged to remember? Luke 24:6-7 _____

12. How did the women respond? Luke 24:8-9 _____

The Resurrection of Jesus is a well-proven fact that is recorded in all four Gospels. (See Matthew 28:1-7, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:1-18.) As Christians,



the Resurrection is the basis of hope and faith. The fact that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive today sets Christianity apart from every other religion. Christians believe in the living Savior Jesus Christ!

13. What does the Resurrection mean for the one who believes in Jesus? John 11:25-26 _____

Word Works

Cross out all of the x's to discover what the men said in Luke 24:5-8.

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JEWISH TIME

A Jewish day is measured from sunset to the next sunset. Science measures a day as 24 hours. In Matthew 12:38-40, Jesus said He would be in the earth three days. These three days are calculated according to the Jewish measurement of time.

- Day 1: Jesus died on Friday, which ended at sunset.
- Day 2: Jesus remained in the earth on the Sabbath, which ended at sunset Saturday.
- Day 3: Jesus rose on Sunday morning, and the women came and found the empty tomb.

29 A.D.

33 A.D.

Start of Jesus' public ministry

Jesus' death & resurrection

Because Jesus lives, believers do not need to be afraid of dying. Those who trust in Jesus will live in heaven with Him for **eternity**. That is the glorious and powerful Easter message you can cling to and share with others. The message of our living Savior is for you, your family, your friends, and those whom God allows you to meet each day.

14. Why do many people fear death? _____

Jesus was victorious over death. By that same power, God protects you from the power of death. This doesn't mean you won't die or ever fear death, but you as a believer have the promise of eternal life with Him after this earthly life is over. That is reason for great joy!

15. How can this joy affect your life in the coming week? _____

Catechism Corner

1. What benefit do we have from the resurrection of Christ? (Q. 189)
 - *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. What did Jesus promise the thief on the cross in Luke 23:43? _____

Because of what Jesus accomplished by His death and resurrection, this promise is true for every believer.

3. It was Paul's desire to "know" on a daily basis "the power of His resurrection" (Philippians 3:10) so that he could "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4b) every day. How does the Holy Spirit help us to walk daily in newness of life?

BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION

- **The empty tomb.** The reports of Jesus' resurrection could have been easily refuted if the body of Jesus had remained in the tomb or if His corpse had been found.
- **The removed stone.** The large stone likely weighing from one to two tons could not have been removed from its position by ordinary human effort.
- **The tomb's broken seal.** The seal represented the power and authority of Rome. Any person responsible for breaking a Roman seal would face certain execution.
- **The Roman guards who fled their post.** The penalty for deserting a post was severe, sometimes resulting in execution. The guards would not likely fall asleep or run away considering the consequences.
- **The appearances of Jesus in His resurrected body.** Christ appeared several times to His disciples and was also seen by a crowd of 500 people. One person may be mistaken, but not that many.

Fast Fact: Tomb



- In Palestine, the common people were buried in shallow graves covered with stones or a stone slab, but people of importance were buried in tombs.
- The entrance to a rock-cut tomb was sealed with a disc-shaped rock that ran in a groove in front of the tomb or with a boulder that fell into the hole beneath it. It was very difficult to move the stone once it was in place.
- The tomb where Jesus was buried was a newly carved cave belonging to a wealthy man, Joseph of Arimathea (Matthew 27:57).