**The Journey to the Tomb**

**Key Verses**

**Luke 24:1-8**

**Lesson Overview**

Jesus died on the Cross and, for His followers, all hope died with Him. He was placed in a tomb, and the tomb was sealed. The crucifixion was the ultimate of shattered dreams. There would be no kingdom. There would be no king. After days of mourning, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, and other ladies were making a journey to the tomb to pay their last respects to the One in whom they had placed all of their hope. When they arrived, the stone was rolled away and two angels appeared to them proclaiming the news that Jesus had risen. Bewildered, they ran to tell Jesus' disciples the wonderful news.

**Lesson Aim**

By examining the events surrounding the burial and resurrection of Christ, we should seek to understand that as we claim the promises of God and practice the presence of Christ, He can turn sorrow into joy on our journeys of faith, and transform us in the process!

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

* Strive to remember and trust the promises of God.
* Turn to God and His Word when dealing with fear and sorrow.
* Understand the complete forgiveness offered by the Lord when we sin.
* Acknowledge the transformation that takes place at salvation.

**Teaching Outline**

I. A Sorrowful Journey

A. Sorrowing the Savior's death

B. Surprised by the empty tomb

II. A Wonderful Journey

A. Their fears were relieved.

1. By the Word of God

2. By the presence of Christ

B. Their sorrow was removed.

III. A Transformational Journey

A. Transformed through forgiveness

1. Peter denied the Lord.

2. Peter was forgiven by the Lord.

B. Transformed through faith

1. We are saved through faith.

2. We are redeemed by faith.

**Text**

**Luke 24:1-8**

*On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” 8Then they remembered his words.*

**Study Questions**

1. What is the one obvious difference between the death of Jesus and the death of other religious leaders and humans throughout the world?

2. Explain how God had worked in Mary Magdalene's life prior to her journey to the tomb.

3. Name two ways our fears can be relieved.

4. Give one reference that proves Jesus had promised He would rise again.

5. List three ways you can remember the words and promises of God.

6. When God forgives, He receives us back into fellowship with Himself. Look up Psalm 103:2-4 and list the four actions performed by God, proving His complete forgiveness.

7. What is the ultimate transformation that can take place in our lives because of the death and resurrection of Jesus?

8. Take a moment to think of the fears or sorrows you are facing in your life right now. List two promises (including Scripture references) you can claim from God's Word to help you experience the joy Jesus offers.

**Memory Verse**

**JOHN 11:25**

*"Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;*