

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Did we learn our lesson? Study Questions from lesson 2 (The Burial of Jesus Christ)

1. According to John 19:38, who allowed the body of Jesus to be taken for Jewish burial?
Answer: Pilate.
2. According to John 19:38-39, who were the two men who prepared Jesus for burial?
Answer: 1, Joseph (of Arimathaea) and 2. Nicodemus (a Pharisee)
3. What prophecy was fulfilled in Matthew 27:57-60 (Christ buried in a rich man's tomb)?
Answer: Isaiah 53:9.
4. According to Matthew 27:64, why did the chief priests want the tomb of Jesus guarded?
Answer: Lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead.
5. Complete the following scripture:
2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ

True / False

- False** Christ was buried in His family tomb (MATT 27:60)
False The family of Jesus prepared Him for burial (JOHN 19:38-40)
True Jesus prophesied He would be in the earth for three days (MATT 12:40)
True While buried, Christ descended to reconcile sin (EPH 4:9-10)

Lesson 3: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Death is considered to be an inevitable and irreversible state – All living things begin life in a developing stage, progress to maturity, then deteriorate to an end, where the elements of the being are consumed by the world in one way or another. To return from the state of 'dead' is nothing short of beyond the natural power of this world, and any example is to be scrutinized to ensure it is authentic, for it is truly the power of God.

In this lesson, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, to define the hope of humanity in life after death.

Prophecy

Psalm 16:10 – Old Testament

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

- The Christ is to be honored as the anointed of God
Matthew 1:20(b) for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
Jesus Christ is not subject to the curse on the flesh of Adam, as He is the Son of God.
The death of Christ was out of obedience, not a natural end of the life cycle

Matthew 12:39-40 – New Testament (a sign)

(39) But he answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:**

(40) **For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

- Jesus Christ pronounces the sign that will confirm that God had in fact sent the Messiah to Israel.

Jonah 1:17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jesus Christ refers to this scripture as fact, not as a story.

It is only through the power of God one can return from death - The Christ will demonstrate this sign.

John 2:19 – New Testament (the power of God)

Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**

- Jesus Christ pronounces the power of God – That the Christ will be resurrected.

1 Corinthians 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

As the body of Christ is the temple, the believer (with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God) is also the temple, and should consider this in the conduct of behavior.

The resurrection of Christ

Luke 24:1-3 - Discovery

(1) Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.

(2) And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

(3) And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

- The tomb is no longer sealed - it is open and empty
- Reminder – **MATT 27:62-66** – The chief priests have Pilate station guards at the tomb to prevent a hoax.

John 20:15-16 – Christ reveals himself

(15) Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?** She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

- The disciples, in mourning, have not yet come to the acceptance of Christ as God, and risen!

(16) Jesus saith unto her, **Mary.** She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

- Jesus reveals Himself to Mary – She immediately recognizes Him!

1 Corinthians 15:4-8 – Paul documents the evidence of the resurrection of Christ citing witnesses

(4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

- Paul prefaces the account to confirm the resurrection is as prophesied

(5) And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

(6) After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

- Christ did not isolate His presence to a select few, but appeared to many – Not in secret, but openly

(7) After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

(8) And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

- Christ's appearance to Paul was different (Acts 9), after Christ ascended (Acts 1), but serves as a strong message that Christ 'is', and to the believer, He is literally present.

Acts 1:3 – The presence of Christ was not momentary

(3) To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

- Luke stresses the resurrection is substantiated 'by many infallible proofs' to assure the reader of the authenticity of the miracle that the resurrection assures the believer of the promises of God are real.

The importance of the resurrection of Christ

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 – Paul defines why the resurrection of Christ is the hope of humanity

(20) But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

- Firstfruits to eternal life through faith (EPH 2:8-9) – Indicates there will be a 'harvest'

John 4:35 Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

- o Harvest time has started – each believer is of Christ (John 3:16)

- Not like other resurrections in the past:

John 11 – Christ raises Lazarus from the dead

- o Christ reveals His authority
- o The resurrection of Lazarus is simply restoring a vessel – Lazarus then leads a mortal life and dies at a later age (the death of Lazarus was not an atonement for sin)

(21) For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

(22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

- The flesh of Adam is condemned (each person will experience the end of this life)
- The soul of the believer is 'saved' from the judgement of punishment and the second death

Matthew 13:40-43

(40) As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

(41) The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

(42) And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

(43) Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

(23) But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- (19) What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
- (20) For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

The purpose of the Christ

The death and burial of Jesus Christ was the completion of reconciliation for sin.

The resurrection is the statement by God that humanity has a path to life – Through His Son, Jesus, anointed to be the Christ

1 John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

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Study Questions

1. What Old Testament prophesy notes that the 'Holy One' will not 'see corruption'?

2. According to Luke 24:2-3, what two conditions were noted upon arrival to the tomb of Jesus?

1. _____ 2. _____

3. What Old Testament prophesy does Christ use in Matthew 12:39 to describe how long He will be in the earth before being resurrected?

4. According to 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, why is Christ called the 'firstfruit'?

5. Complete the following scripture:

1 John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath _____; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not _____.

True / False

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| T | F | Christ is a son of Adam. |
| T | F | Christ was seen by more than 500 people after His resurrection. |
| T | F | Christ was with His disciples for 40 days after His resurrection. |
| T | F | The believer belongs to Christ. |