



THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Death Conquered!

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Lesson 1

JESUS LIVES!

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

The darkest day in all of history was the day the Son of God was crucified, taking upon Himself the sins of the world. The brightest day was the day of His resurrection. The doctrine of a risen Saviour is exceedingly precious. It is the cornerstone of our faith. No religion can boast of a founder who has risen from the dead. In this, the Christian faith differs from religion. By His resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ proved He is indeed the Son of God. Even the grave could not hold Him.

It is only when we grasp something of the wonder of the

resurrection that we can begin to appreciate the greatness of salvation. So teacher, ask God to help you to comprehend and relay to others the wonderful truth that we are justified by a risen Saviour and that the experience of fellowship with the risen Saviour is even more glorious than the doctrine itself.

May you “know Him, and the power of His resurrection” (Philippians 3:10). That knowledge and power should be reflected in your teaching.

Scripture to be studied: Matthew 27:57-66; 28:1-15; Mark 15:42-47; 16:1-11; Luke 23:50-56; 24:1-12; John 20:1-18

The aim of the lesson: To show the importance of the resurrection and the wonder of fellowship with a risen Saviour.

What your students should know: Jesus Christ died and rose again so all who believe in Him can be saved.

What your students should feel: A desire to be saved.

What your students should do: Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and receive Him as Saviour.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. Jesus' friends bury His body (Matthew 27:57-61; Luke 23:50-56).
2. Jesus' enemies demand that His tomb be guarded (Matthew 27:62-66).
3. Jesus' followers find an empty tomb (Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10).
4. Jesus reveals Himself to Mary (Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18).

The verse to be memorized:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Romans 10:9)

THE LESSON

Jesus was dead. The day of His crucifixion was the darkest in all of history. Those who loved Him were filled with inexpressible sorrow. They were helpless as they watched the Son of God die on the cross.

1. JESUS' FRIENDS BURY HIS BODY

Matthew 27:57-61; Luke 23:50-56

But Joseph, a rich man from the village of Arimathea, had known one thing he could do. He had gone to the cross and carefully taken down the body of Jesus and wrapped it in white cloth.

Another man, Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, had also done something. He had brought about 100 pounds (45 kilos) of sweet-smelling spices and placed them with the body of Jesus in a new tomb which belonged to Joseph. The tomb was like a large cave cut out of a rock. It was almost sunset when Nicodemus and Joseph finished their loving acts.



Show Illustration #1

Then they had rolled a large, round, flat stone in front of the entrance of the tomb and left the garden.

Two women, both named Mary, had been waiting and watching while the body of Jesus was laid in the tomb. They, too, dearly loved the Son of God. When the stone to the tomb was rolled into place, the two Marys left the garden. They were sad and lonely. They knew, however, what they could do to show their love for the Lord. They would go home and prepare burial spices to be placed beside His body after the Sabbath.

Christ's disciples were deeply troubled. The death of Jesus seemed very final. Their hopes for the future had disappeared.