

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What prompted the women to go to the sepulcher so early in the morning?
2. What miracles occurred that Easter morning?
3. How did they receive the resurrection message?
4. Regarding the resurrection, how is Christianity different than other religions?
5. How do people of faith know that Jesus is risen?
6. What is necessary for the unconverted to come to this faith?

SUMMARY:

The resurrection of Christ has great significance as far as the children of God are concerned. It indicates that the sacrifice that Christ made is acceptable to God and able to accomplish the forgiveness of sins. It also indicates the victory over death and removes the sting of death imposed upon man from the time that Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were driven out of the Garden of Eden.

In order that this sacrifice be applied to each of us, there MUST be a change of heart, a real desire to follow God, and an obedience to the leading of His Spirit.

God wants fellowship with man. It was for this reason that man was originally created. What sin made impossible, the death of Christ made possible—the reconciliation of sinful man to a righteous God.

NOTES:

[SoF:2] We believe that there is one God who is without beginning or end. **[SoF:15]** We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is an invitation for everyone to live a life of abandonment to Him, Who loved us and gave Himself for us - surrendering His personal ambitions and possessions in an unreserved committal to take the proclamation of the Gospel throughout “all the world to every creature”.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #3

April 17, 2022

Second Quarter

CHRIST, THE RISEN MASTER **[SoF:5]**

LESSON TEXT: *Matthew 28:1-10*

LESSON SETTING: The Garden of Arimathea near Golgotha in Galilee after Christ’s crucifixion.

TIME: About 32-33 A.D.

I. THE RESURRECTION MIRACLE. Matthew 28:1-5

- A. Seen by Faithful Ones (vs. 1) Mark 16:1-8
- B. An Angel Came Down (vs. 2-3) John 20:12
- C. A Divine Power. Psalm 62:11; 65:6
- D. Fear of God (vs. 4) Genesis 3:8; Isaiah 2:19; Daniel 5:6; Hebrews 10:27

II. THE RESURRECTION MESSAGE. Matthew 28:6-8

- A. He Is Risen!!! **[SoF:5]** (vs. 6) Mark 16:6; Luke 24:6, 39; John 20:20
- B. Go Quickly and Tell **[SoF:15]** (vs. 7-8) Acts 2:23-24; 3:14-15; 4:33; Acts 10:39-41; 17:2-3

III. THE RESURRECTED MASTER. Matthew 28:9-10

- A. Some Recorded Appearances (vs. 9) Matthew 28:16-17; Luke 24:15-31; John 20:19, 24, 26-28; Acts 1:2-9; 1 Corinthians 15:6-8
- B. The Keystone of Faith. Romans 4:24; 10:9; Ephesians 1:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:14; 1 Peter 1:3

GOLDEN TEXT: *HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID*
Matthew 28:6

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NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Exodus 15:1-21; Ephesians 5:19-20

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 136:1-26; Micah 6:4;
Philippians 4:4-7

QUARTERLY THEME: Journeys of Israel

TOPIC: THANKSGIVING FOR VICTORY

INTRODUCTION:

The Children of Israel had just experienced the power of the Lord in a wonderful way. Pharaoh had dared to use the path which the Lord prepared for the Israelites for his selfish purposes. The Lord removed the wheels from the chariots of Pharaoh's soldiers and the land which was dry to the feet of God's chosen ones was again covered with water. Now was the time of thanksgiving and we are told that Moses and the Children of Israel gave thanks to the Lord.

At this time they were certainly strong in the Lord. As they saw what He had done, there was no doubt in their minds that the Lord could do what He promised. Had these words remained in their hearts, they would have certainly moved into the land of Canaan, only forty days away, and seen the inhabitants melt away, as they were told.

However, they became dissatisfied with the food and with the conditions they encountered. Discouragement took over and Satan won a victory which kept God's children in the wilderness one year for each of those forty days.

Paul, in writing to the Philippians, told them to keep their minds upon the things of God which edify, and to put away all else. In this way, He said, ". . . the God of peace shall be with you."(Philippians 4:9) We can profit from these words if we consider often what the Lord has done and force from our minds those things which would allow us to become carnal.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Following God's leadership gives true purpose and joy to life.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND SONG, AND HE IS BECOME MY SALVATION . . .*

Exodus 15:2a

In the verse just prior to this one, Moses said, ". . . I will sing unto the Lord" (Exodus 15:1) After seeing what the Lord did in answer to prayer, he followed a practice long used by the people of God - that of reducing those thoughts which they wanted to remember to a verse to be sung or chanted. This served at least two purposes. In addition to praising God in recognition of what He has done, it served to keep in remembrance these things, not only to the singer but to those roundabout who listen to the verse. Just as a favorite song often fills our hearts and remains with us all day long in the background of all that we do, these songs remained in the hearts of the early Jews.

This is what Moses meant when he said the Lord is not only my strength but also my song. In the background of all that he did was the song of what the Lord meant to him. A similar song should certainly resound in the hearts of His chosen ones today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 18 – 24

- M. *Thanksgiving for Victory. Exodus 15:1-21; Ephesians 5:19-20
- T. Thanksgiving after Victory. Judges 5:1-13
- W. Thanksgiving in Worship. 2 Chronicles 5:1-14
- T. Thanksgiving in Prayer. 2 Chronicles 6:1-17
- F. Thanksgiving in Sacrifice. 2 Chronicles 7:1-14
- S. Thanksgiving in Christ. Luke 17:3-19
- S. Thanksgiving in Heaven. Revelation 5:1-14

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