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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Jesus conquered evil and death so that we could live bold and free

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Dear God, allow me to see how Jesus' resurrection changes everything about my life now and forever

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep

(1 Cor 15:20 NKJV)

(from "Our Daily Bread", Apr 17, 2022)

Series: Jesus Calls Us

UNIT 2: Experiencing the Resurrection

NEXT WEEK

Jesus Cooks Breakfast (John 21:1-14)

Disciples Believe the Resurrection Luke 24:13-27, 30-31

Lesson Background and Introduction

What do you think of when you hear the term revolution? Perhaps you think of socio-political revolutions, like the American Revolution. But other, much less bloody revolutions have since occurred. These revolutions have provided a similar sense of cultural change and upheaval in their wake. Beginning with the creation of the transistor in the mid-twentieth century, the Digital Revolution has changed the way people engage with the world. Because of the Digital Revolution and the resulting ease of access to computers, everyday life has changed in one way or another. Any person who has access to the internet can experience a life previously thought unattainable. All this has resulted in humanity's transition into a new era of history: the Information Age.

The story of Scripture comes to one climax with a revolution: the resurrection of Jesus. This revolution overthrew the reign of death and brought the possibility of new life, one free from fear and despair (Romans 5:12-21). Today's Scripture reveals the surprising nature of that revolution. Today's Scripture follows after the women discovered the empty tomb (Luke 24:1-8). Two apostles wanted to see the empty tomb for themselves (24:12; compare John 20:3-10). Many first-century Jews believed in the bodily resurrection of the righteous dead. This doctrine is rooted in certain Old Testament prophetic texts (see Daniel 12:1-3, 13; etc.). Jewish texts from the period between the Old and New Testaments developed this doctrine further (see the nonbiblical 2 Maccabees 7:13-14; 12:43; etc.). Not all Jews, however, believed in the resurrection (see Acts 23:8). Jesus' followers, though skeptical of the empty tomb, would not have entirely denied the possibility. The Digital Revolution has provided great advances for humanity (examples: improved productivity, rapid communication). Only time will tell if these benefits will be outweighed by the costs of this revolution (example: issues related to online privacy and personal addictions). The travelers in today's Scripture experienced a Resurrection Revolution that brought a personal revolution. Their saddened outlook was transformed when they shared a meal with the resurrected Lord. This revolution brought the two travelers joy, enthusiasm, and peace. It also meant reordered priorities; they received a correction and were reminded of how Scripture pointed to Christ's resurrection and the resulting revolution. Are you attentive to the ways the resurrection can change your expectations, and your life?

(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)

NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

Belief through the Reunion with Jesus (Luke 24:13-21)

Reunion with Jesus in our daily routines (13-16)

Through Jesus' reconciliation (Col 1:21-22)

Through being chosen in Jesus (Eph 1:3-4)

Through grace given in Jesus (2 Tim 1:9)

Through hope in Jesus (1 Peter 1:13)

Reunion through Jesus' abiding (17-18)

Jesus abiding in us means that we also abide in His love (John 15:9-10)

Jesus abiding in us means that we can be fruitful (John 15:4-6)

Jesus abiding in us so that we may be confident and unashamed when Jesus returns (1 John 2:28)

Jesus abiding in us so that we can walk as He walked (1 John 2:6)

Jesus abiding in us means we have confessed Jesus as the Son of God (1 John 4:15-16)

Reunion through remembering Jesus' crucifixion (19-20)

Jesus was crucified at the third hour (Mark 15:25)

We can be assured that Jesus was crucified (Acts 2:36)

Jesus was crucified because His own countrymen wanted Him crucified (1 Thess 2:14-15)

Jesus was crucified because the chief priests and rulers requested death (Luke 24:20)

Jesus was crucified and the Roman soldiers verified it (John 19:31-35)

Reunion through remembering Jesus' burial (20)

Jesus was buried and it is confirmed by the Gospel (1 Cor 15:3-4)

Jesus was buried because it was prophesied (Isa 53:9)

Jesus was buried because Joseph buried Him (Matt 27:57-60)

Jesus was buried but God raised Him from the dead (Acts 13:29-30)

Reunion through remembering Jesus' resurrection (21)

Jesus was resurrected and He appeared to the eleven disciples (Mark 16:14)

Jesus was resurrected and He appeared to Simon (Luke 24:34)

Jesus was resurrected because it was prophesied (Acts 2:29-32)

Jesus was resurrected and therefore He is the living hope (1 Peter 1:3)

Jesus was resurrected through the power of God (2 Cor 13:4)

Belief through Jesus Expounding about Himself (Luke 24:22-27, 30-31)

Angels proclamation of Jesus' resurrection (22-24)

Proclamation of Jesus has risen (Matt 28:5-6)

Proclamation of looking in the wrong place (Luke 24:4-6)

Proclamation of not crying (John 20:11-13)

Jesus proclaims His suffering (25-27)

Suffering prophesied in Scripture (Luke 24:45-46)

Suffering foretold by the prophets (Acts 3:18)

Suffering that added to Jesus' perfection (Heb 2:10)

Suffering that was predicted (1 Peter 1:10-11)

Suffering that Jesus gave as an example for us (1 Peter 2:20-21)

Suffering in His body (1 Peter 4:1)

Jesus realized through spiritual eyes (30-31)

Spiritual eyes that see God at work (2 Kings 6:17)

Spiritual eyes that see because God has put His salve in them (Rev 3:18)

Spiritual eyes that see the wonderful things in God's Word (Ps 119:18)

Spiritual eyes that have been enlightened (Eph 1:18)