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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The resurrection assures what Calvary secures

POEM FOR THE WEEK:

What has that empty sepulcher to say to you and me? It tells us that the Savior's death has set His people free; He died, our sins upon Him laid; He rose, because the debt was paid. —Reich

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:

Who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification

(Rom 4:25 NKJV)

(from "Our Daily Bread", Apr 12, 1997)

Series: Justice and the Prophets

UNIT: God Promises a Just Kingdom

NEXT WEEK

An Executed Scoundrel
(Esther 7:1-10)

A Resurrected Savior **1 Cor 15:1-8, 12-14, 20-23, 42-45**

Lesson Background and Introduction

In the midst of his suffering, Job asked rhetorically, "If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). He soon answered his own question when he declared, "Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (19:26). Centuries later, God put a massive exclamation point on Job's conclusion when Jesus rose from the dead. The Corinthian church endured many self-inflicted problems (examples: 1 Corinthians 3:3, 4; 5:1, 2; 7:1-16). He wrote his first letter to the church in Corinth in AD 56 to address these issues. Perhaps the most serious of the Corinthians' problems was a misunderstanding of the nature and significance of the resurrection of Jesus. Paul understood that the resurrection could not be neglected; there could be no compromise about it. This issue is dealt with more completely in 1 Corinthians 15 than anywhere else in the Bible. For this reason, the chapter is often called the Resurrection Chapter. Before and during the first century AD, there were instances of the miraculous restoration to life of a dead person (examples: 2 Kings 4:32-35; 13:21; Luke 7:11-17). But those people eventually died again. Jesus' resurrection, however, was different. He rose from the dead never to die again. Because He lives, we can be confident that we will live with Him in resurrected bodies, never again to face death (Romans 8:2). Paul's Corinthian readers had produced fruit and would continue to do so as long as they remained faithful. However, their faith was endangered by the choices some had made to abandon the doctrine of the resurrection—and so the danger is with us. We should join Paul therefore in seeing resurrection as victory over humanity's greatest enemy: death. On the glorious day of Christ's return, we will be changed "in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Corinthians 15:52). As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, let us anticipate the promise of our own resurrection

(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)

Remember the Fundamentals - Paul emphatically stated in this letter to the Corinthian church and to all those who choose to follow Christ—don't ever allow anyone or anything to direct your attention away from the central, essential fundamentals of the Gospel. If you don't believe in the resurrection of Jesus, your faith is useless. Paul emphasized the reliability of the Resurrection accounts. The events are actual, historical occurrences. Some Corinthians, and many people today, attempt to classify these events as a myth. No, it is the truth; it's verified like any other historical information. When Jesus returned from the grave, He appeared before many witnesses, even 500 people at the same time.

Prophecy Fulfilled - Paul confirmed that after Jesus' horrific crucifixion, He was buried and rose again on the third day. All of the details of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection validate the Old Testament scriptural prophecies about the Messiah. Further, to authenticate the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to over 500 people at once, as well as to His brother James, Peter, and the 11 disciples.

Firstfruits - Paul also emphasized that Jesus' resurrection made Him the firstfruits of others who will be resurrected—that's us! The firstfruits offering symbolized for the Jewish nation the beginning of harvest. This sacrifice represented an anticipation of God's blessing upon the entire season. Scripture promises, because God raised Jesus from the dead, therefore, Christians will in like manner die and also be raised. Christ's resurrection was the first of many more, believers who will receive a new body after death and live with God forever.

Jesus Made the Way - Paul compared two bodies. The believers' resurrected bodies will be glorious. When our bodies are resurrected, they will be perfect, without defects or any trace of deformities, and they will be like the one Jesus had.

(Adapted from the Echoes Commentary)

NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

Reality of Jesus' Resurrection (1 Cor 15:1-8)

Reality through the gospel (1-4)

The gospel proclaims the blessing of Jesus (Rom 15:29)

The gospel proclaims the truth (Col 1:5-6)

The gospel proclaims that everyone can believe and be saved (Rom 1:16)

The gospel proclaims the establishment by God (Rom 16:25)

Reality through being seen by witnesses (5-8)

Witnesses of the fact that God raised Jesus to life (Acts 2:32)

Witnesses of Jesus' suffering and arising from the dead (Luke 24:46-48)

Witnesses of the death of Jesus (Acts 3:15)

Witnesses of Jesus' resurrection (Acts 4:33)

Witnesses of everything that Jesus did (Acts 10:39)

Necessity of Jesus' Resurrection (1 Cor 15:12-14, 20-23)

Necessary for faith (12-14)

Necessary because it took the blood of Jesus to take away sins (Heb 9:28)

Necessary because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins (Heb 10:4-6)

Necessary to give us a living hope (1 Peter 1:3)

Necessary to aid our faith and hope in God (1 Peter 1:21)

Necessary because without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb 11:6)

Necessary for believer's resurrection (20-23)

Believer's resurrection at the rapture (1 Thess 4:15-17)

Believer's resurrection at the last trumpet (1 Cor 15:52)

Believer's resurrection when Jesus returns (John 14:3)

Believer's resurrection based on the promise of Jesus (2 Peter 3:13)

Believer's resurrection at the great gathering to Jesus (2 Thess 2:1-2)

Believer's resurrection that brings the completion of salvation (Heb 9:28)

Nature of Jesus' Resurrection (1 Cor 15:42-45)

Resurrection of a glorified body (42-43)

A glorified body of a child of the resurrection (Luke 20:35-36)

A glorified body that will never perish (1 Peter 1:4)

A glorified body that will be transformed (Phil 3:20-21)

Resurrection into a spiritual realm (44-45)

A spiritual realm filled with blessings (Eph 1:3)

A spiritual realm that is our inheritance (Matt 25:34)

A spiritual realm where God seated us with Jesus (Eph 2:6)

A spiritual realm where we will be united with Jesus (Rom 6:5)

A spiritual realm where we will appear in glory (Col 3:4)