

JESUS' TRIAL, CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

RESURRECTION LESSON #3

Mark 14-16

Lesson Memory Verse: I Corinthians 15:3b "...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."

Lesson Aim: Christ died for our sins, so we should love Him and receive Him as our Savior.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – Be plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): There is a story about a young sailor who had two persons die for him. You see, on his ship there was an old sailor who was a Christian, and he talked to him many times about receiving Jesus Christ as his Savior. But the young sailor just laughed at the old sailor and refused to do it.

Then one day their ship was wrecked and it was sinking. All of the lifeboats were soon filled, but there was not room for everyone. The young sailor was told that he would have to go down with the ship. When he heard that, he became very pale and cried out, "I am lost, eternally lost!"

When the old sailor who knew Christ as his Savior, heard the young sailor admit that he was lost, he turned to him and said, "You are not ready to die. I am. I am willing to die for you, but I want to see you in heaven." With that he gave up his seat in the lifeboat and told the young sailor to take his place. That day the young sailor was saved from drowning, but the old sailor died when the ship sank into the sea.

Shortly afterward, the young sailor received Jesus Christ and was saved from going to Hell. He often told people, "For me, two have died." The old sailor gave his life that the young sailor might not perish in the sea, and Jesus Christ gave His life on the cross that he might not perish in Hell.

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse tells us that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." This verse is found in 1 Corinthians 15:3. If He had not died to pay the penalty for our sins, we would have to pay the penalty for them by being punished in Hell forever. But Jesus Christ was willing to pay that penalty for us. Since He is God the Son, He was able to take everyone's sin and pay their sin penalty when He suffered and died on the cross. Our memory verse says that God had His prophets write this in the Old Testament Scriptures, so people who read the Bible would know that this was God's plan long before it happened. Isaiah made it very clear in 53:6: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." It says we are like sheep that have wandered away from God in our sins and got lost. But God loved us and put all of our sins on His Son and He paid our sin penalty on the cross. Now we can be found and saved from Hell so we can live with God and His Son forever. But there is something you must do to be saved from Hell. Listen carefully to the story that I am going to tell you and you will find out what you must do to be saved.

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. Now let us look in the Bible and see what it cost Jesus Christ to pay the penalty for our sins. It was not easy for Him to save us from going to Hell.

I. Jesus Was Betrayed (Mark 14:17-21, 43-46)

Jesus was betrayed by Judas, one of His own disciples, and he did it with a kiss. A kiss is supposed to show love for someone, but Judas' kiss showed he hated Jesus. He loved money more than Jesus. He betrayed his Master. It must have hurt Jesus deeply to know that Judas, whom He loved, would turn against Him and want to see Him die.

WE: How much do we love Jesus? Do we sing songs that say we love Him and then do things that show that we do not love Him? Maybe our words are no better than the kiss that Judas gave to Jesus. We need to be sure that mean what we sing and say, or we, too, will hurt Jesus and make Him sad.

II. Jesus Was Tried (Mark 14:53 – 15:15)

After Jesus was arrested He was put on trial and wicked men tried to prove He was guilty of sins that He did not do. He was accused by false witnesses, He was spit upon, and He was hit, but no one could justly prove He was guilty of sin. And while He was being tried by wicked men, Peter, one of His best

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disciples, denied that he even knew Him. Jesus suffered in body from the beatings; He suffered in mind from the false charges against Him; but He probably suffered more in His heart when Peter denied Him.

WE: Do we let people speak falsely about Jesus and say nothing? We hurt Him, if we deny that we know Him as our Savior. We must not let Jesus be mistreated in our presence. Stand up for Him and be proud of Him.

III. Jesus Was Crucified (Mark 15:16-41)

It was a terrible thing to be crucified, but first they whipped Him until He was bloody and weak. Then they put a crown of thorns on His head and beat His head with a rod. After this they put a heavy wooden cross on His bloody back and forced Him to carry it to the place where they would crucify Him, but He was too weak from all of the beatings and fell beneath that cruel cross. So the soldiers made Simon of Cyrene carry it for Him. Finally when they arrived at Golgotha, they nailed His hands and His feet to the cross and let Him die. It was a terrible way to die, but it was necessary in order to pay for our sins.

WE: Do we thank the Lord for suffering and dying on the cross for us? We should thank Him again and again. We should thank Him from deep within our heart because we would have had to suffer in Hell forever, if He had not died on that cross for us.

IV. Jesus Was Buried (Mark 15:42-47)

A person's body was ordinarily thrown in the city dump after he was crucified. Usually no one wanted to bury it, but with Jesus it was different. Joseph of Arimathea loved Jesus and believed He was the Son of God. He was wealthy and he had already purchased a tomb, so he used it to bury Jesus' body properly. He and some other disciples carefully buried Jesus' body. It took courage to do what Joseph and these other followers did because many of the important Jewish leaders that hated Jesus would persecute them for showing kindness to Jesus.

WE: How can we show respect for Jesus? We can honor Jesus at the Lord's Supper by remembering His suffering and death for our sins. We should not talk to others, but talk to God and confess our sins that the Spirit brings to our mind. We should think of Jesus' love for us and thank Him suffering and dying for our sins.

Jesus Was Raised (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-16; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-29)

After Jesus had been in the tomb for three days He was raised from the dead. He had told His disciples that this would happen, but they really did not believe it. That is why the women came early on Sunday morning to put spices on Jesus' body. When they came to the tomb, they noticed the stone was rolled away from the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene quickly left them and ran to tell Peter and John that someone had taken Jesus' body from the tomb (Jn 20:1-2). While she was away, an angel told the other women that Jesus had risen from the dead. They were told to tell the disciples this good news. Before the women arrived, Peter and John ran to the tomb, not seeing the women coming from the tomb. When they arrived at the tomb, they saw the grave clothes that had been wrapped around Jesus' body, but He was gone (Jn 20:3-10). They left, but Mary stayed at the tomb, weeping for the loss of Jesus. After talking with two angels, she saw Jesus standing behind her, but thought it was the gardener. When He spoke her name, she knew it was Jesus (Jn 20:11-16). He was not dead; He was alive! Then He left her and appeared to the other women who were on their way to tell the disciples what the angel told them that Jesus was alive. When they saw Him they fell at His feet and worshipped Him (Mt 28:5-9). The disciples did not believe the women until Jesus appeared to them in a locked room where they had gathered (Jn 20:19-29). Then they also believed that Jesus was alive. Jesus had risen from the dead!!

WE: Do we believe that Jesus arose from the dead and is now alive in Heaven? If we do, we need to thank Him for being alive. If Jesus had not been raised from the dead, He would not be able to save us and give us eternal life. Our life depends on His life. We do not serve a dead person. He is alive!!

BE (for Action): What can you do to show Jesus Christ that you are thankful that He died for you? (Let students discuss this. Here are some answers (1) receive Jesus as Savior, which is most important; (2) live a good life to honor Jesus; (3) serve others to please Him; (4) suffer for Him without complaining. It is not enough to believe what Jesus died for us; we must receive Jesus as our Savior. Give them an opportunity to show their love for Jesus by receiving Him as their Savior.