

## The Gospel in Three Movements

1 Corinthians 15:3–4; Luke 24:26 (ESV)

### Introduction

- The gospel is not a single moment, but a story with \_\_\_\_\_.
- According to Paul, the gospel of first importance includes:
  - Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins
  - Christ was \_\_\_\_\_
  - Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ on the third day
- Jesus teaches that suffering and glory are \_\_\_\_\_ parts of the same plan.

### Movement One: The Incarnation — The Theme Introduced

- The incarnation means God \_\_\_\_\_ the world in human flesh.
- Jesus did not merely appear; He \_\_\_\_\_.
- The theme introduced at Christmas is: God \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- Nothing is resolved yet, but everything has \_\_\_\_\_.

How does the incarnation affect your faith?

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### Movement Two: The Crucifixion — The Theme Carried Through Suffering

- At the cross, the theme of God's love moves into \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus died \_\_\_\_\_ our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.
- The cross shows that forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_, not cheap.
- For a moment, it seems as though the story might end in \_\_\_\_\_.

How does the crucifixion affect your faith?

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### **Movement Three: The Resurrection — The Theme Resolved in Glory**

- The resurrection is not a new theme, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of the original one.
- Christ was raised on the \_\_\_\_\_ day in accordance with the Scriptures.
- Because Christ is raised:
  - Our faith is not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Death has been \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Hope is \_\_\_\_\_ and secure.
- Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who will be raised.

How does the resurrection affect your faith?

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### **Conclusion**

- The gospel does not end in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christmas introduces the theme.  
The cross carries the theme through \_\_\_\_\_.
- Because Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, the story ends in life, glory, and hope.

Christ is risen — and because He lives, \_\_\_\_\_.