

Lesson 8

The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 28:2-15, Mark 16:2-14, Luke 24:1-43 and John 20:1-25

Begin today's lesson asking the Holy Spirit to illumine your mind and to teach you His precepts.

1. What concept from last week's lesson was especially helpful or thought provoking to you?

*"...Why do you seek
the living One among
the dead? He is not
here,
but He has risen..."*

Luke 24:5-6

Read Matthew 28:2-15, Mark 16:2-14, Luke 24:1-43 and John 20:1-25 out loud every day this week.

2. As you read the above verses, what initially strikes you?
3. From Matthew 28:2-4, describe the angel, his actions, and the guards' reactions to him.
4. From Matthew 28:5-8, Mark 16:2-8 and Luke 24:1-8, describe the day, time and situation the women encountered at the tomb of Jesus.
5. What responsibility did the angel entrust to the women? What was their response? Discuss.

6. From Luke 24:12 and John 20:2-10, tell about the experience each of the two disciples (Peter and John) had at the empty tomb. At this point, how much did they understand about Jesus' resurrection?

7. Read Mark 16:9 and John 20:11-17. To whom did Jesus first appear? When did she recognize Him? What was she told to do?

8. What is the response of the women when they encountered the risen Lord Jesus? See Matthew 28:9-10?

9. Read Mark 16:10-11, Luke 24:9-11 and John 20:18. Discuss how the disciples received the news of the Lord's resurrection from the women. Why do you think they responded that way?

10. What did Jesus have to say about this later? See Mark 16:14 and discuss.

11. Read Matthew 28:11-15. Discuss the unlikely alignment of the chief priests and Roman soldiers.

12. Discuss the scene on the road to Emmaus. See Mark 16:12 and Luke 24:13-32.

13. Why do you think the two disciples were initially kept from recognizing Jesus?

14. In Luke 24:18, how did Cleopas' statement demonstrate the degree to which people were aware of the events surrounding Jesus' life?

15. The two on the road to Emmaus had all the facts right, but did not yet believe (see Luke 24:19-24). What had to happen before they recognized Jesus?

16. Have you ever had the experience of moving from knowing facts about Jesus to knowing Him? Discuss.

17. Apparently, Jesus would have continued walking if they had not “urged Him strongly” to stay with them. What does this say to you about cultivating your relationship with the Lord?

18. From Luke 24:34 and I Corinthians 15:5, name another person to whom Jesus appeared individually during that first day of His resurrection. Why do you think this person would have been a priority for Jesus?

19. As the day came to a close, what was the prevailing belief of the disciples? See Mark 16:13 and comment.

20. Discuss the attitude of the disciples when Jesus came to them in Luke 24:36-37 and John 20:19.

21. Discuss the reaction of the disciples in Luke 24:36-41.

22. At some point they were convinced that Jesus was resurrected. Discuss John 20:20-25.

In Leviticus 23, God ordained seven feasts to be observed every year. Each feast marked a special time of God's historical dealing with His people. The feasts were also tied into celebrating the agrarian cycles. In addition, each feast pointed to a future fulfillment.

23. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus occurred on the feast day called First Fruits. Read about this feast in Leviticus 23:9-14. What did this special day originally celebrate?

24. How did Paul tie together the resurrection of Jesus with this feast day in I Corinthians 15:20?

25. How pivotal is the resurrection of Jesus Christ to our faith according to I Corinthians 15:12-19? What does His resurrection mean to you?

26. Based on your study this week, what do you think God is teaching you or inviting you do to or be?

Lecture Notes: