

5-Day Easter Devotional: Our Redeemer Lives

Day 1: Loved Before We Loved Him

Reading: 1 John 4:7-19

Devotional: God's love is not reactive—it's initiating. Before you ever thought about Him, He thought about you. Before you cared, He cared deeply. Jesus demonstrated this radical love by dying for humanity while we were still His enemies. Like Job's friends who turned against him, we too have been unfaithful, yet Christ remained faithful. His arms stretched wide on the cross reveal a love that pursues, not a love that waits to be earned.

Reflection: Who in your life seems unlovable right now? How might God be calling you to love them as He first loved you—unconditionally and sacrificially?

Application: Reach out to someone who has hurt or disappointed you. Offer them grace, remembering that Christ offered you the same when you least deserved it.

Day 2: What We Know in the Confusion

Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Devotional: We live surrounded by lies, misinformation, and endless debates. Political promises break. People disappoint. News sources contradict. In this ocean of uncertainty, what can you truly know? Paul refused to get lost in the philosophical weeds of Corinth. Instead, he anchored everything to one truth: Jesus Christ and Him crucified. When confusion swirls around you, return to what is certain—your Redeemer lives. He died, He rose, and He reigns. This is the unshakeable foundation.

Reflection: What uncertainties are currently stealing your peace? How would refocusing on the certainty of the Gospel change your perspective?

Application: Write down three things you absolutely know to be true about Jesus. Return to this list whenever doubt or confusion threatens your faith.

Day 3: Vindication is Coming

Reading: Job 19:23-27

Devotional: Job was surrounded by accusers—friends who blamed him, circumstances that condemned him. Yet he anchored his hope in future

vindication. When Jesus rose from the dead, every lie told about Him was exposed. His resurrection vindicated His claims, His character, His mission. If you belong to Christ, vindication is coming for you too. Every false accusation, every misunderstanding, every injustice will be made right when you stand before your Redeemer. He will set the record straight.

Reflection: What accusations or misunderstandings have wounded you? Can you trust God to vindicate you in His timing rather than defending yourself?

Application: Release one situation where you've been wronged to God's justice. Choose not to rehearse your defense today, trusting your Redeemer to speak for you.

Day 4: The Resurrection and the Life

Reading: John 11:17-27

Devotional: Jesus ruins every funeral. Death cannot hold what belongs to the Resurrection and the Life. Martha's confession—"Yes, Lord, I believe"—became the anchor in her grief. When you close your eyes in death, you will immediately open them in His presence. This isn't wishful thinking; it's the promise of One who conquered the grave. The same power that raised Jesus dwells in you if you belong to Him. Death is not your end—it's your doorway home.

Reflection: How does the certainty of resurrection change how you face suffering, loss, or your own mortality?

Application: If you knew you'd see Jesus face-to-face today, what would you want to tell Him? Live today with that eternal perspective in mind.

Day 5: In My Flesh I Shall See God

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26, 50-58

Devotional: Job declared with stunning hope: "In my flesh I shall see God." You will receive a new body—eyes that can behold His glory, ears that can hear His voice, a heart that can fully comprehend His love. This isn't abstract spirituality; it's embodied resurrection life. When you see your Redeemer, it won't be through a representative or a vision—you will see Him yourself, with your own eyes. The God who formed you will remake you, perfect and whole, for eternal fellowship.

Reflection: What does it mean to you personally that resurrection is physical, not

just spiritual? How does this shape your hope?

Application: Thank God today for your physical body, even with its limitations. Ask Him to help you steward it as a temple, knowing it points to the glorified body awaiting you.

Closing Prayer for the Week: Lord Jesus, our living Redeemer, thank You that You are not a distant concept but a present reality. In a world of confusion and lies, You are truth. In suffering and accusation, You are our vindicator. In death, You are our life. Help us anchor our hope in what we know—that You died, You rose, and You reign. May we live today with resurrection power and eternal perspective. Amen.