



Raised on the Third Day

Week of Apr. 4th
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Though the veracity of Jesus' resurrection from the dead has often been challenged, the biblical authors always present it as historical fact; Jesus died, was buried, and was raised on the third day. It was a face-to-face encounter with the risen Lord that transformed a man named Paul from a persecutor of the church to one of Christ's most faithful followers.

This Easter, we examined the historicity of the gospel message and the apostle Paul's miraculous conversion. We are praying that just as Jesus changed the apostle Paul, he will once more draw even his harshest critics to himself. While some 2000+ years have come and gone from the actual event, we *hold fast* to the gospel we have received, and in which we now stand.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2.

- We are saved by believing in the truth of the gospel, but what does it mean to hold fast to it? Why is that important?
- Read Hebrews 10:23. What does it mean to "hold fast the confession of our hope"?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-7.

- What 4 truths about Christ does Paul reiterate here in his letter to the Corinthians?
- Why are both Christ's death AND resurrection vital to the gospel message?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:8-11.

- In what ways does Paul use His own story to validate the resurrection of Christ and His power?
- Take time to share how God has transformed you by the power of the gospel and His grace.
- How are you seeing His grace at work in your life currently?
- In what ways can our own stories of grace be a light to others around us?

4. This last year has certainly had it's share of rough waters. How have you seen God be your anchor amid a "raging sea"? Currently, in what ways do you need to cling to Him as your hope.

Spend time praying for one another and especially for those who came to Woodmen in person or watched online, but don't yet know Christ personally. Pray that they would seek Him.

NOTES:

OTHER RESOURCES

READY TO GO DEEPER?

Studying God's Character and Attributes

Each week we will study a different facet of God's character. Our prayer is that it will enrich our worship of Him, and that our trust in Him will grow as we seek to follow and glorify Him.

This week we will study God's power

(written by Paul Finch)

In the book of Exodus, Moses had asked if he could see the glory of the Lord (Exodus 33:18). Now when we think of glory, we generally think of transcendence and power, but when God condescended to show Himself to Moses, He said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy" (Exodus 33:19). Let's look at New Testament passages that show the good and merciful God demonstrating His power in a very unique way—power in the context of resurrection and renewal:

Read and meditate on these passages with help from the questions below:

Phil 3:8-11

Rom 1:1-4

Mark 5:24-34

In the Philippians passage, what benefits come to the believer as a result of knowing the "power of his resurrection"?

According to the passage in Romans, what did "power...by his resurrection" accomplish on a more global scale?

And finally, in the Mark passage, Jesus perceived that "power had gone out from him." Once He mentions this, notice the way in which the woman approaches Jesus, but then how Jesus responds to her. How could this passage alone change the way we think of Christ and the many and varied ways He uses His power for us?

Outside our Walls

Woodmen U

We have some really amazing classes and groups at Woodmen U for this Spring block. It starts on Monday, April 12th. We have classes that will help you grow deeper in your understanding of God's word and healing in the following areas, and many more...

Marriage
Racial Unity
Hope
Career Transitions
Grief
Divorce
Addiction
Mental Health

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DIVE IN ON YOUR OWN TO GET READY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Our Future Secure

1 Cor. 15:12-34