# LESSON 13

## The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead

***Read: Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20, 21; 1 Corinthians 15:1-26***

The Gospel begins with the remarkable narrative of the birth of the Saviour. It closes with another not less important message of the resurrection of Christ. These two historic events are powerful testimonies to the unique character of the Christian faith.

The Saviour's triumphant resurrection is of as great a value as His wondrous and lowly birth. The Christian message of salvation reaches its climax in this supernatural act of God. By raising Jesus from the grave, God the Father expressed His delight in the atonement accomplished at Calvary. At the cross Christ cried out, "It is finished."

The resurrection is the Father's approval of this victory. The amazing miracle spreads light on the sufferings of the Son of Man. What appeared to be a tragic defeat was, in reality, the most important victory ever gained.

The resurrection is likewise a powerful confirmation of the teachings of Jesus. Every doctrine taught by Christ was verified by this divine intervention. The wonder of God's redeeming love and power is fully made known in the glory of the risen Saviour.

With this lesson we begin a study of the four steps of the exaltation of Christ. They are:

(a) His resurrection
(b) His ascension
(c) His sitting at the right hand of God
(d) His coming again to judge on the last day

1. Q. On which day did Jesus arise from the grave? (1 Corinthians 15:4)

   A. Jesus arose on the _ _ _ _ _ day.

2. Q. Before Jesus died, He frequently told His disciples that He would rise again. Did the disciples remember and believe His words? (Mark 16:10-11)

   A. _ _ , they _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

3. Q. Did His enemies remember? (Matthew 27:63)

   A. _ _ _ , they did _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

4. Q. Briefly, what did the Jews request of Pilate? (Matthew 27:62-66)

   A. They requested a _ _ _ _ _ at the tomb.

5. But despite the stone, the seal and the _ _ _ _ _ , He arose!

6. Christ _ _ _ _ _ and He is still alive.

7. In Revelation 1:18 we read that he said: "Behold I am alive _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ."

8. By Christ's great power He can also raise up sinners out of the grave of their _ _ _ _ .

**I. Its Important Place in the Christian Religion**

1. If Christ had not risen from the dead, what does the Bible say about

   (a) our preaching? Then _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (1 Corinthians 15:14).

   (b) our faith? Then it is also _ _ _ _ (1 Corinthians 15:14).

   (c) the kind of witnesses we are? _ _ _ _ _ (1 Corinthians 15:15).

   (d) our sins? Then there is _ _ forgiveness (1 Corinthians 15:17).

   (e) all who have died in Christ? That they _ _ _ _ _ _ (1 Corinthians 15:18b).

**II. The Witnesses of His Resurrection**

1. Q. Who first saw Jesus alive? (Mark 16:9)

   A. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

   *We read of his appearance to her in John 20:11-18.*

2. Q. Which disciple was missing when Jesus first appeared to the eleven? (John 20:24)

   A. _ _ _ _ _ _ .

3. Q. How many believers saw Him at one time? (1 Corinthians 15:6a)

   A. _ _ _ .

4. Q. When did the disciples have their final glimpse of Him? (Luke 24:51)

   A. At the _ _ _ _ of Christ's a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

5. Q. Who saw the glorified Christ after He ascended into heaven? (Acts 7:55, 59a)

   A. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ when he was s _ _ _ _ _ .

6. Q. For what reason should every Christian know that Jesus truly lives? (Psalm 34:6)

   A. _ _ _ _ _ him out of all his _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

**Something to think about:**

1. By whose power did Jesus arise from the dead? (John 10:18 & Acts 3:15)

   (a) By His own power. (b) God raised Him up. (c) Both (a) and (b).

   *Underline the correct answer.*

2. For which reason did the angel roll away the stone? (Matthew 28:6)

   (a) So that His followers could see His body was not there. (b) To let Jesus out.

   *Underline the correct answer.*

3. Q. When Jesus appeared to the disciples in the upper room, do you believe He entered through the locked door? (John 20:19)

   A. _ _ _ .

   *Give your reason:* The door was _ _ _ _ _ _ . His entrance was a m _ _ _ _ _ _ .

4. The body Jesus now has is a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ body (1 Corinthians 15:44a).

5. Jesus proved that He has the same body He formerly had when He said, "A spirit hath not _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ , as ye see me have…He showed them his _ _ _ _ _ and his _ _ _ _ " (Luke 24:39-40).

**III. The Significance of His Resurrection**

1. In reference to Christ:

   (a) He was "declared to be the _ _ _ of _ _ _ with power, . . . by the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from the _ _ _ _ " (Romans 1:4).

   (b) Christ's resurrection signified the Father's _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of Christ's work of redemption. In Philippians 2:8-9, we read, "He humbled himself, and became _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ unto death, even the death of the cross. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ God also has highly exalted him."

   (c) His resurrection shows that He has power and authority over sin, death, the grave, and the devil (Matthew 28:18).

2. In reference to the believer:

   (a) Christ's resurrection assures His people that Christ has fully paid for their sins. In Romans 4:25b, we read: He "was raised again for our _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ."

   (b) Christ's resurrection assures believers that Christ has broken the power of death and the grave for His people. Now the Christian can look without fear to death and the grave and say, "O death, where is thy _ _ _ _ _? O grave, where is thy _ _ _ _ _ _ _?...Thanks be to _ _ _ which giveth us the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:55, 57).

   (c) And it assures the believers that Christ will also raise them up on the last day (2 Corinthians 4:14).

3. In reference to the unsaved:
   (a) It is the guarantee of their future deserved punishment.
   (b) Whom did Jesus say would be resurrected? "All that are in the _ _ _ _ _ _ shall _ _ _ _ his _ _ _ _ _ , and shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ; they that have done _ _ _ _ , unto the resurrection of _ _ _ _ ; and they that have done _ _ _ _ , unto the resurrection of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ " (John 5:28b, 29).

**A Pastoral Message**

When the matchless miracle of the resurrection of Jesus took place early on the first day of the week, the followers of the Lord were not aware of it. They were still mourning. The news of the empty tomb caught them by surprise. It seemed too wonderful to believe that Christ had risen.

The disciples desired certainty. They longed for the One who was the secret of their joy and peace. He first appeared to Mary Magdalene and the other women who had so lovingly watched His crucifixion and burial. When Simon Peter had related the news of Christ's personal appearance to him, the disciples were sufficiently confirmed in their faith to cry out, "The Lord is risen indeed." Fresh hope was kindled in the hearts of Christ's followers.

The various subsequent appearances of the risen Saviour were all confirmations of the good news. When the Lord had ascended and poured out His Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the disciples proclaimed the Gospel of Christ with boldness. Christ is risen indeed!

This doctrine assures us that Christ is preparing a place for His people, and that He will come again to receive them to Himself. It is as certain as Christ was raised from the grave that one day the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and they will come forth from their graves. Then Christ will be the Judge of all mankind and will make the solemn separation between the wheat and the chaff.

**Evaluator: _____**