

Sunday School Lesson for the Month of April, 2022

## **The Resurrection and Our Great Salvation**

(Hebrews 7:23-28)

**(Sunday, April 3, 2022)**

The words of our scripture for this month declares that Jesus Christ is alive from the dead. The NIV declares in the twenty-fifth verse, ***“Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”*** The New Living Translation says, ***“Therefore, He is able, once and forever, to save everyone who comes to God through Him. He lives forever to plead with God on their behalf.”***

We meet as the church in this house dedicated to worship because of our faith that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, conquering death, sin, and the grave.

Christianity is the faith that claims a living founder. Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem and died on a Cross outside the walls of Jerusalem. Jesus Christ conquered death and the grave and ascended back to the Father. By His Spirit, He is present everywhere in the hearts of those who trust Him and love Him. Christianity is good news about the Son of God, who came, lived, died, and conquered death and continues to live.

Our great salvation is made possible and certain by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. One of our great Theologians of the twentieth Century, Dr. Robert G. Lee preached a sermon titled, “The World’s Blackest Assumption.” In that sermon he declared that if Christ be not raised, the church has no message for the world - the Christian has nothing to believe - Christian Witnesses are telling falsehoods about God - our individual faith is an empty, lifeless shell - and tragedy or tragedies, we are still in our sin. In **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**, Paul declares that our salvation is based on our belief in the fact that Christ died for our sins, that He was buried, and that He was raised from the dead on the third day according to the scriptures.

- If Christ be not risen, then those who have fallen asleep in Jesus Christ, are perished.
- If Jesus Christ be not risen, we are to be pitied because we are living and building our life on an illusion.

Christianity is based on the faith that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead as the first fruits from among the dead.

I. **The resurrection vindicates Jesus of Nazareth as being God's unique Son.**

During His life and ministry, Jesus revealed His unique person not only by the marvelous words that fell from His lips, but by the miraculous works that came from His hands and voice. He spoke like no man has ever spoken before. His disciples came to believe that He was more than just a man or prophet. Peter spoke for them in his remarkable confession of faith in which he expressed his belief that Jesus was the Son of God (Matthew 16:16). It was the resurrection of Jesus Christ that dramatically declared Jesus to be the unique Son of God.

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II. **The resurrection of Christ declares the crucifixion to be a revelation of divine love for sinners rather than just a horrible execution.**

For the Apostles, the death of Jesus was a personal catastrophe, a public disgrace and a political disappointment. For God the Father, it was the revealing of His suffering love and His redeeming power to save sinners from the consequences of their sins. It was through the doorway of the empty tomb that the Apostles were able to visualize the cross as the instrument of God's redeeming love. Had there been no resurrection, the death of Jesus Christ would never have been understood as a revelation of the great love of God for sinners.

The death of Jesus Christ for sin was a once-and-for-all substitutionary sacrifice that takes care of our sin debt (1 Peter 3:18).

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**III. The resurrection gives us an intercessor in the presence of God.**

Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, has entered into the Holy of Holies with His own sacrificial death as an atonement for our sins. John, in his first epistle, wrote to encourage believers not to live a life of sin. ***“My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world”*** (1 John 2:1-2)

All of us need the ministry of this divine advocate!

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**IV. The resurrection gave to the believers a living Lord and Companion.**

- A. Jesus began His ministry by saying, “Follow me!” He continues to extend that invitation.
- B. This living Lord walked and talked with His disciples. He taught them and showed them how they could become makers of disciples. He continues to lead us in helping others become disciples.
- C. Jesus instructed His disciples that they were to teach new disciples to obey His commandments and to follow His example. Jesus Christ, the living Lord, continues this same ministry and wants to assist us as we seek to help others.

As the living Lord comes to communicate Himself to you, let Him walk with you along the road of life. Go with Him as He leads in the good way.