

## **Sunday School Lesson for the Month of April, 2021**

### **The Resurrection of Christ and Our Resurrection**

(1 Corinthians 15:20)

**(Sunday, April 4, 2021)**

One of the greatest truths of Christianity is that death has been defeated, giving us hope for a life beyond this vale of tears in which we live. The word “resurrection” in the Greek language means a “state of standing up” or a “state of standing again.” In the New Testament the word refers to the raising up of the body, the victory of the body from the cruel clutches of death. Our belief in the resurrection is based solidly on the fact that Jesus Christ has conquered death and the grave.

#### **I. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ!**

The New Testament writers base their belief in the resurrection of the saints firmly on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They believed that the victory Jesus experienced after death is a victory that is to be experienced by those who believe in Him and follow Him as His disciples.

- A. Jesus predicted His own Resurrection! (Matt. 12:39-40; John 2:19-22)
- B. The Resurrection of Christ is the central fact of the New Testament. The Scriptures declare that Jesus’ physical body did not decay in the grave. It was made alive again by the power of God. It was no longer limited by time or space nor subjected to change, decay, and death.

**(Sunday, April 11, 2021)**

#### **II. The Resurrection of the Believer!**

- A. The resurrection of believers is based on the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! The gospel relates to the truth taught in the Scriptures that Christ died for our sins, that He was buried in a tomb, and that He was raised from the dead on the third day. He was seen by many people, giving indisputable proof of His living presence. The message of Christianity is that ultimately death will be completely destroyed.

**(Sunday, April 18, 2021)**

B. The resurrection of the believer is based on our belief in the power of God. The resurrection is possible because of God's power. God has not some power – but ALL power! God's power is demonstrated in the world in which He created.

- It's demonstrated in the world of vegetation, where He is able to make from seeds planted in the ground, a variety of plants and trees that are adapted to their habitats.
- His power is demonstrated in the realm of Zoology. He brought forth animals of every kind adapted to their habitat. All animals are different.
- His power is demonstrated in the creation of the heavenly bodies – the stars, the moon, the sun – for all are unique.

If He has power to do all of this, most certainly, He has the power to resurrect His Saints. The present age is Easter time, to begin with the resurrection of the Redeemer and end with the resurrection of the redeemed. Between, lies the spiritual resurrection of those called into life through Christ. So, we live between two Easters, and in the power of the first Easter, we go to meet the last Easter.

**(Sunday, April 25, 2021)**

### **III. The Last Easter is the bodily Resurrection of the saved!**

Paul here in this fifteenth Chapter of 1 Corinthians, reminds the Corinthians that they already believed in Christ's resurrection and that logically they must also believe in their own resurrection. Paul says, "but now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, but a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam, all died, so also in Christ, all shall be made alive." Christ's resurrection could not have been in isolation from ours. His resurrection requires our resurrection, because His resurrection was part of the layer resurrection of God's redeemed. Christ was the first to be raised, never to die again. You remember those ones whom Jesus raised during His earthly ministry here on earth – The son of the Widow of Nain; Jairus's daughter, and Lazarus? – All of them eventually died again, but Jesus didn't die again. Just like He didn't die again, those who are in Him, won't die again. Those who have been born again will only die once. Our bodies will be resurrected, never to die again!

Well, Jesus did it all just for us!