

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is there proof that the Lord is risen? Explain.
2. Why do many not believe that Christ is risen?
3. How can people today have their understanding opened that they might understand the scriptures?

SUMMARY:

God in the beginning gave life to Adam and Eve. Since that time life has still been in God's hands to give and to take it again.

The resurrection of Christ proves that God can and will give life again after death just as He gave it in the beginning. However, many associate the resurrection of Christ with only one day, Easter Sunday, and fail to grasp the meaning of it. They either do not realize, or take seriously, the words of Jesus in John 5:28-29: "For the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." To fully understand the meaning of Christ's resurrection of life, we must have HIM dwelling in our hearts.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

April 6, 2003

Second Quarter

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

LESSON TEXT: *Luke 24:13-53*

LESSON SETTING: In and around Jerusalem, after Christ's resurrection.

TIME: Approximately 33 A. D.

I. REVEALING HIMSELF THROUGH THE WORD. Luke 24:13-27

- A. Spiritual Conversation (vs. 14-15) Malachi 3:16; Luke 24:32
- B. Expounding the Scriptures (vs. 26-27)
 1. His incarnation. Isaiah 7:14; 9:6
 2. His rejection. Isaiah 8:14
 3. His sufferings. Isaiah 53:5, 7
 4. His death. Isaiah 53:3, 9
 5. His resurrection. Psalm 16:10; 49:15

II. REVEALING HIMSELF THROUGH COMMUNION.

Luke 24:28-45

- A. Breaking of Bread (vs. 30) Matthew 14:19; Matthew 26:26, 29; Acts 2:42
- B. Fellowship with Christ (vs. 30, 36-43) Matthew 18:20; Acts 4:13
- C. Hearts Burning (vs. 32) Psalm 39:3; Luke 12:49

III. REVEALING HIMSELF THROUGH BELIEVERS. Luke 24:46-53

- A. Gospel Preached (vs. 47) Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8
- B. Witness of Believers (vs. 48) Acts 5:32; Acts 10:39; 1 Peter 5:1
- C. Believers Worship Christ (vs. 52-53) Matthew 28:9; Hebrews 1:6; Revelation 5:8

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED.*

Luke 24:34

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 13:18-35

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Samuel 15:1-10; Psalm 4:15-13;
Matthew 26:20-29;
Mark 14:10-11, 18-21;
Luke 22:21-23

QUARTERLY THEME: David the King

TOPIC: CHRIST ANNOUNCES HIS BETRAYAL

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus knew long before it happened that He would be betrayed. This had even been prophesied, (Psalm 41:5-13 and Zechariah 11:12, 13) including the price that would be paid. No wonder He was heavy of heart, full well knowing that one who had fellowshiped with Him would be the guilty one.

Judas was chosen as one of the twelve. He had been empowered by the Spirit. (Matthew 10:1-4) He had walked with Jesus. He was present when Jesus prepared for the Last Supper. The indication is that he may have partaken before he went out.

How many today enjoy going to church and having fellowship with Christians? How many even have their names on church membership rolls? Yet, when the time comes to stand fast for Jesus, to separate from the world and to renounce earthly gain, the things of this life seem more important and a choice is made in their favor instead of in favor the Lord Jesus. No wonder the Bible says covetousness is idolatry! May we be more like the eleven who forsook all for Jesus' sake so that we might be accounted worthy to receive the crown of life.

CENTRAL TRUTH: It is a fearful thing to turn one's back on the Savior.

GOLDEN TEXT: *WOE TO THAT MAN BY WHOM THE SON OF MAN IS BETRAYED.*

Mark 14:21

When Jesus spoke these words they were intended specifically for Judas Iscariot who then betrayed Jesus. It was indeed a terrible thing and his fate was even more terrible.

We look at Judas with condemning views and thoughts, and yet there are many people today who are doing the same thing. Many have the opportunity to follow Jesus, having the way of salvation presented to them over and over again. He wants to come into their lives, but the riches and pleasures of this life are more alluring. They are not only rejecting Him but also actually betraying Him.

Have you given your life to Jesus or are your "thirty pieces of silver" of more value to you?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 7 - 13

- M. Betrayal Committed. Genesis 37:23-36
- T. Betrayal Foreshadowed. 2 Samuel 15:1-12
- W. Betrayal Prophesied. Psalm 4:15-13
- T. Betrayal Planned. Matthew 26:1-16
- F. Betrayal Revealed. John 13:18-35
- S. Betrayal Consummated. Luke 22:47-53
- S. Betrayal Doomed. Acts 1:15-20