

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What prompted the women to go to the sepulcher so early in the morning?
2. What miracles occurred that Easter morning?
3. How did they receive the resurrection message?
4. Regarding the resurrection, how is Christianity different than other religions?
5. How do people of faith know that Jesus is risen?
6. What is necessary for the unconverted to come to this faith?

### SUMMARY:

The resurrection of Christ has great significance as far as the child of God is concerned. It indicates that the sacrifice that Christ made is acceptable to God and able to accomplish the forgiveness of sins. It also indicates the victory over death and removes the sting of death imposed upon man from the time that Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were driven out of the Garden of Eden.

In order that this sacrifice be applied to each of us, there **MUST** be a change of heart, a real desire to follow God, and an obedience to the leading of His Spirit.

God wants fellowship with man. It was for this reason that man was originally created. What sin made impossible, the death of Christ made possible—the reconciliation of sinful man to a righteous God.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #12

March 23, 2008

First Quarter

### CHRIST, THE RISEN MASTER

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Matthew 28:1-10*

**LESSON SETTING:** The Garden of Arimathea near Golgotha in Galilee after Christ's crucifixion.

**TIME:** About 32-33 A.D.

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**I. THE RESURRECTION MIRACLE.** Matthew 28:1-5

- A. Seen by Faithful Ones (vs. 1) Mark 16:1-8
- B. An Angel Came Down (vs. 2-3) John 20:12
- C. A Divine Power. Psalm 62:11; 65:6
- D. Fear of God (vs. 4) Genesis 3:8; Isaiah 2:19; Daniel 5:6; Hebrews 10:27

**II. THE RESURRECTION MESSAGE.** Matthew 28:6-8

- A. He Is Risen!!! (vs. 6) Mark 16:6; Luke 24:6, 39; John 20:20
- B. Go Quickly and Tell (vs. 7-8) Acts 2:23-24; 3:14-15; 4:33; Acts 10:39-41; 17:2-3

**III. THE RESURRECTED MASTER.** Matthew 28:9-10

- A. Some Recorded Appearances (vs. 9) Matthew 28:16-17; Luke 24:15-31; John 20:19, 24, 26-28; Acts 1:2-9; 1 Corinthians 15:6-8
- B. The Keystone of Faith. Romans 4:24; 10:9; Ephesians 1:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:14; 1 Peter 1:3

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID*

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Matthew 28:6

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Matthew 16:21-28; 17:1-13

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Deuteronomy 34:1-8;  
2 Kings 2:1-11; Mark 9:2-20;  
Luke 9:27-36

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ - King and Savior

**TOPIC:** CHRIST, THE GLORIOUS MASTER

**INTRODUCTION:**

The incidents in the Bible of people witnessing the heavenly glory are rare. Our finite minds cannot grasp what the glory was like that Elisha saw when his beloved master left this earth in a chariot of fire. How his heart must have thrilled to witness such a sight. Nor can our human hearts understand the glory of Christ's transfiguration that His three disciples witnessed. We long to see such glory, while we are here on earth. We know we shall see it some day in our eternal home, but we can experience a fellowship with Christ here on earth that is akin to seeing His glory.

We come close to Him in adoration and gratitude, in humility and praise, and at times He rewards us with a precious sense of His nearness that all but engulfs us. The thrill of His presence pulsing through our hearts with such joy cannot be expressed in words. This is a foretaste of His Glory.

How thankful we are when He permits us these precious experiences. Often they come after severest tests of pain and suffering. This makes us willing to suffer for Him.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** We must guard against any teaching that does not conform to the Word of God.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; HEAR YE HIM.*

Matthew 17:5

What a wonderful experience for Moses and Elijah to be allowed to meet with Christ and His three disciples in the Mount. Moses surely must have recalled the Word that God had given him for Israel so long ago. "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken." (Deuteronomy 18:15) This time there was no long list of laws and commandments from God as they passed under the cloud. Only the announcement that the long awaited Savior was now among men. "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him."

In Christ's transfiguration the law was overshadowed by Grace.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 24 – 30**

- M. \*Christ, the Glorious Master. Matthew 16:21-28; 17:1-13
- T. Moses Goes to Heaven. Deuteronomy 34:1-8
- W. Elijah Goes to Heaven. 2 Kings 2:1-11
- T. Christ's Original Glory. John 1:1-14
- F. Christ Returns to Heaven. Acts 1:1-11
- S. John's Vision of Christ's Glory. Revelation 1:10-18
- S. Christ's Return in Glory. Revelation 19:11-16