

LESSON
08

THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

SUNDAY – Proclaiming the Resurrection of Christ

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Luke 24:44-47, and Romans 1:1-4. What do these passages have in common?

A: A summary of the Gospel. Incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
It had been prophesied in the Old Testament.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

¹Now I make known unto you brethren, the **gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye received, wherein also ye stand, ²by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you, except ye believed in vain. ³For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received: **that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;** ⁴and that he was buried; and that he hath been **raised on the third day according to the scriptures;**

2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:2, 11. Why do these verses place the concepts of believing and preaching side by side? What is the relationship between the two?

A: - If people believe this, they will be saved.
- Someone needs to preach on the subject of resurrection.

MONDAY – The Risen Christ, Our Only Hope!

3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:9-19. What do we lose if Christ has not been raised?

A: All we would have left would be this imperfect life.
Vain would be our faith. We'd be liars. No one would be resurrected.

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

¹²Now if Christ is preached that he hath been raised from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither hath Christ been raised:¹⁴**and if Christ hath not been raised, then is our preaching vain, your faith also is vain.** ¹⁵Yea, and **we are found false witnesses of God**; because we witnessed of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead are not raised.¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, neither hath Christ been raised:¹⁷**and if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain**; ye are yet in your sins.¹⁸Then they also that are fallen asleep in Christ have perished.¹⁹**If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable.**

TUESDAY – Christ, the Firstfruits

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-23. What does it mean to say that Jesus is the “firstfruits”?

A: Jesus rose on the Feast of Firstfruits.
The resurrection of Jesus was the most important.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

²⁰But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, **the firstfruits of them that are asleep.** ²¹For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as **in Adam all die,** so also **in Christ shall all be made alive.**

WEDNESDAY – The Resurrected Body

5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:36-41. How does this passage answer the questions of 1 Corinthians 15:35?

A: We shall rise in a spiritual body (v. 44), a body of heavenly glory (v. 40)

1 Corinthians 15:35-41

³⁵But some one will say, **How are the dead raised? and with what manner of body do they come?** ³⁶Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened except it die: ³⁷and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind;³⁸but God giveth it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own.³⁹All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fishes.⁴⁰There are also **celestial bodies**, and bodies terrestrial: but **the glory of the celestial is one**, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory.

THURSDAY – Final Victory Over Death

6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-57. What does this passage tell us about our ultimate victory over death?

A: That which is mortal shall be covered. Sinful tendencies will be extirpated.

1 Corinthians 15:51, 52, 54-56

⁵¹Behold, I tell you a mystery: We all shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** ⁵⁴But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.** ⁵⁵O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: