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SUNDAY MORNING

Study 8

Jesus Defeats Death



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The Objective is the key concept for this week's lesson. It should be the main focus of the study.

These are the key verses that you will find helpful in teaching your study this week. The "Main passage" is the basis of the study, where the other verses support the objective of the lesson.

These are the books of the Bible we will be memorizing. New books for this month are in bold. If a student can memorize all the books up to this month's books, you may give them a prize from the "reward box" found on your cart.

An introductory activity or question that will settle the class, draw their attention to the study and prepare their hearts for God's Word.

Objective This lesson will show the students how Jesus defeated death in His resurrection and now offers freedom from death to us.

Key Verses

Luke 24:1-12, 33-43—Main Teaching Passage

Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-13; John 20:1-31 (Parallel Passages)

John 11:25

1 Corinthians 15:22

Books to Memorize

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans

Hook

Inform the students that it is impossible to fold a piece of paper in half eight times and invite a few students to attempt to prove you wrong. After they try (and fail), inform them that this is one of many things that are impossible. Come up with a list of some other impossible things. Finally, add to the list that it is impossible for a person not to sin, and thus it is impossible for a person not to die.

No human is able to defeat sin and death. Everyone sins, and as a result everyone dies. Only a man without any sin could defeat death. Today, we are going to learn that Jesus did just that.

What does the Bible say? This is where we will read a passage or series of passages that teach on the subject of the day.

BOOK

After Jesus' death, His followers were very upset. He was taken off the cross and put in a tomb (similar to a small cave) with a large stone rolled in front of the entrance. In Luke 24, we read that a group of women who loved Jesus, including Mary Magdalene, came to Jesus' tomb with burial spices for His body. But when they arrived, they found that the stone was rolled away and His body was gone! Two men in shiny clothes stood by and asked, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!" The men reminded them that Jesus had promised this, and when the women remembered, they went to tell Jesus' other disciples what had happened. When the disciples heard this report, they did not believe it, but Peter ran to the empty tomb and saw it for himself.

Later, Jesus appeared to two disciples who were on the road to a town called Emmaus. The two ran to the other disciples and told them that they too had seen Jesus. As they were speaking, Jesus appeared in the room with the disciples and wished them peace. The disciples were afraid and thought Jesus was a spirit, but Jesus told them to look at and touch his hands and feet. However, they still did not believe. Jesus asked them if they had anything to eat, and they gave Him fish and honey. Jesus truly had risen from the dead. He was still a man who had flesh and blood and ate food, but He was a resurrected, glorified man.

The interpretation/exegesis of the passage. What does this passage mean? How does this passage apply to my life?

LOOK

When we began studying the Gospel, we learned about the two big problems that humanity faces, sin and death. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God's law. Sin ruins everything, and eventually leads to death, its ultimate consequence. Last week, we looked at Jesus' death on the cross and how He overcame the power of sin through it. This week, we will see that in His resurrection, Jesus defeated death.

Death was the enemy that humanity could never beat. Humans have invented many ways to fix problems, but no man has ever come up with a solution for death. Some people live lives of riches, while others are poor. Some live happy lives, while others are sad. But whether rich or poor, sad or happy, everyone's life ends the same way: death.

The problem was that death is the result of sin. Because everyone who's ever lived has sinned, everyone who's ever lived has died. In order for someone to defeat death, they needed to be someone who had never sinned. Only one person in all of human history fits that description. Only Jesus could defeat death.

LOOK (Continued)

When Jesus died, He took all our sin on Himself. He received the punishment for sin so that we could be free from sin. But because He had no sin Himself, death had no power over Him. He defeated death and rose again from the dead. And while others in the Bible have come back from the dead, Jesus is the only one to defeat death, never to die again. Jesus defeated death forever and now is in heaven at the right hand of God.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is good news, not only because it means He's alive, but because it gives us hope too. By ourselves, we could never defeat death. As we have studied earlier this year, because we have sinned, we all must face death. But because Jesus rose from the dead, He has made a way to save us from death too. He said in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." 1 Corinthians 15:22 says, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive." Christ gives life and resurrection to all who believe in Him. That doesn't mean that Christians won't face death at the end of our earthly lives, but that when we die, we will in fact be more alive than ever before, living for eternity with Jesus in heaven as part of God's family.

TOOK

Review the lesson by asking the class how Jesus defeated death. Ask why His resurrection was so important.

Pray: Praise Jesus for defeating death in His resurrection. Thank Him for offering us new life.

Parent Question: Why does it matter that Jesus rose from the dead?

What is my response to this passage of Scripture? How should my life change according to what this passage teaches me? What are the practical things I can do throughout the week to make this true in my life?

FURTHER STUDY

Commentary on Luke 24:1-12, 33-43 by David Guzik

THE RESURRECTED JESUS

A. The resurrection of Jesus is discovered.

1. ([Luk 24:1-3](#)) Women followers of Jesus discover the empty tomb of Jesus.

Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

a. **Came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared:** The actual *event* of Jesus' resurrection is nowhere described, but the discovery of it is recorded in some detail. Here, the women who intended to give Jesus' body a more proper preparation for burial discover that the stone is rolled away from the tomb, and that the body of Jesus is not inside the tomb.

i. A rich man like Joseph of Arimethea would probably have a tomb that was carved into solid rock; this tomb was in a garden near the place of crucifixion ([John 19:41](#)). The tomb would have a small entrance and perhaps one or more compartments where bodies were laid out after being somewhat mummified with spices, ointments, and linen strips. Customarily, the Jews left these bodies alone for a few years until they decayed down to the bones, then the bones were placed in a small stone box known as an ossuary. The ossuary remained in the tomb with the remains of other family members.

ii. The door to the tomb would be made of a heavy, circular shaped stone, running in a groove and settled down into a channel, so it could not be moved except by several strong men. This was done to ensure that no one would disturb the remains.

iii. [John 19:42](#) specifically tells us that the tomb of Joseph of Arimethea that Jesus was laid in was close to the place of Jesus' crucifixion (and the each of the two suggested places for Jesus' death and resurrection bear this out). Joseph probably didn't like it that the value of his family tomb decreased because the Romans decided to crucify people nearby-yet it reminds us that the in God's plan, the cross and the power of the resurrection are always permanently and closely connected.

b. **But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus:** Once the women saw the stone rolled away and the tomb empty, their immediate reaction is that they were *greatly perplexed* ([Luke 24:4](#)). They did not expect to find an empty tomb. This shows that the resurrection accounts cannot be the product of wishful thinking; they were not even *expecting* that it could happen.

i. [Matthew 27:65-66](#) reminds us that there was a guard set round the tomb. The stone could not have been rolled away by the women (they were not strong enough) or by the disciples (even if they were brave

enough, they could not overcome the armed guards). No one else would have wanted to roll away the stone, and [Matthew 28:2](#) tells us that it was an angel who rolled it away.

ii. The stone was not rolled away to let Jesus out. [John 20:19](#) tells us that Jesus, in His resurrection body, could pass through material barriers. It was rolled away so that others could see in and be persuaded that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

2. ([Luk 24:4-8](#)) The angelic announcement of the resurrection.

And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" And they remembered His words.

a. **Two men stood by them in shining garments:** Even as angels announced the birth of Jesus, ([Luke 2:8-15](#)) so they also announced the resurrection of Jesus. The announcement of His birth was made to a few humble people, considered unimportant by the culture; His resurrection announced by angels to a few women.

b. **Why do you seek the living among the dead?** This was a wonderfully logical question. The angels seemed almost surprised that the women were surprised; after all, the angels had heard what Jesus said regarding His resurrection, and they knew the women had heard it also. They naturally wondered why the women were surprised.

i. At the church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem-the place Emperor Constantine's mother Helena decided was the place of the true cross and the true empty tomb-there is the powerful sense of dead religion and traditionalism. Yet for hundreds and hundreds of years people have flocked to this place reeking of this kind of spiritual deadness in a desperate attempt to find God's kind of life.

ii. We too often look for Jesus in the dead things-religious traditionalism, formalism, man's rules, human effort, substitutes of the flesh. We will never ultimately find Jesus in those things-we find Him only where there is resurrection life, when we worship Him in spirit and in truth.

c. **He is not here:** These are some of the most beautiful and important words ever spoken by an angel to men. One may look all over Jerusalem and see countless thousands of tombs, but one will never find the tomb of Jesus - because **He is not here**.

i. One may see many graves and tombs in Israel today. There is an ocean of tombs on the Mount of Olives, and vast sea of graves outside the eastern wall of the temple mount. You can see the tomb of Rebekka, the tomb of David, the tomb of Absalom-but you won't find the tomb of Jesus anywhere. As the angel said, **He is not here**.

ii. Every so often someone claims to have found evidence of the tomb of Jesus or the bones of Jesus. Each claim is found to be untrue, while the testimony of the angels is proven true over and over again: **He is not here**.

d. **The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again:** To the women, it must have seemed like a long time ago that Jesus said these words. Nevertheless, they needed to remember them and the angels remind them of what Jesus said.

i. **Must** is the critical word here; just as much as the crucifixion of Jesus was necessary and ordained, so was His resurrection. Jesus would have never come to the place of Calvary unless there was also an empty tomb of resurrection there also.

e. **And they remembered His words:** The first notes of hope are sounded in the hearts of the women when they are reminded of Jesus' words. The empty tomb, the presence of angels, the words of the angels in and of themselves could not change their hearts-but **His words** could change and cheer their hearts.

3. ([Luk 24:9-11](#)) The women tell the apostles and are not believed.

Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

a. **Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest:** The women who had seen the evidence of the resurrected Jesus and remembered His words, are excited about what seemed to them to be the most wonderful news possible-that Jesus *was* alive and had triumphed over death.

i. They would not be excited like this if Jesus had only somehow miraculously survived the ordeal of the cross. These women knew that He had not survived; their own hands provided the hasty preparation of Jesus' body on the day He was crucified. They knew beyond all doubt that He had been dead; so the news that He was alive meant so much more to them than perhaps saying Jesus was a *survivor*; it meant He was the conqueror over death and that He was everything they had hoped for and more.

b. **Their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them:** Despite their excitement, their testimony was not believed. In fact, to the apostles, it seemed as if the women told **idle tales**, a medical word used to describe the babbling of a fevered and insane man.

4. ([Luk 24:12](#)) The apostles come to believe.

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

a. **But Peter arose and ran to the tomb:** We know from [John 20:3-8](#) that both Peter and John ran to the tomb together. They saw grave clothes, but not as if they had been ripped off after a struggle. They saw the grave clothes of Jesus lying in perfect order, as if a body had just passed out of them ([John 20:6-7](#)). When John saw that, he believed, and Peter marveled. They had not seen the risen Jesus, but they knew that something *powerful* had happened to cause a body to leave behind those grave clothes in such a manner.

b. **Marveling to himself at what had happened:** When Peter and John observed what was in the tomb, they believed. This tells us that Peter analyzed the situation; he knew something spectacular had happened because of the condition of the grave clothes, but he because he had forgotten the words of Jesus ([John 20:9](#)), he did not yet understand.

i. You can know that Jesus rose from the dead, but unless you know His words, it won't make sense. Unless you know the life and teachings of Jesus, you don't know that the resurrection means that the payment that

Jesus offered on the cross was perfect and complete. You don't know that the cross was the payment and the empty tomb is the receipt. You don't know that death has no hold on redeemed man. You don't know that when God's love and man's hate battled at the cross, God's love won. You don't know that because Jesus was raised from the dead, we can be resurrected in Him.

c. What had happened: Because Jesus rose from the dead, we know that God no longer lives in a temple made with hands. In Jerusalem, one may see what remains of the magnificently spectacular temple that stood in Jesus' day. These stones were 40 feet long, 18 feet high (too heavy to be lifted with modern cranes), finished with finely carved frames and fitted so perfectly they required no mortar; and these are the *retaining wall*! But from the time Jesus died and rose again, that temple became just another building, because it was no longer the dwelling place of God.

5. ([Luk 24:33-35](#)) They tell the good news.

So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

a. **So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem:** After a seven mile walk one way, they were so excited that they went seven miles back-and probably much faster on the return. They had the passion to tell the great news of Jesus' resurrection.

b. **The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon:** They had mutual confirmation of the resurrection of Jesus. Though the risen Jesus was not physically in their midst, His resurrection had been confirmed by more than two witnesses.

C. Jesus teaches His disciples and ascends into heaven.

1. ([Luk 24:36-43](#)) Jesus appears to the eleven.

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took *it* and ate in their presence.

a. **Peace to you:** These were words with new meaning, now that Jesus had risen from the dead. Now, true peace could come between God and man and among men.

b. **Handle Me and see:** Jesus wanted to assure them that His resurrection body was a real, physical body, though of a different order than our own bodies. He wasn't some ghost or phantom.

i. As a demonstration of this, He ate in their presence. In most of Jesus' resurrection appearances, He eats with the disciples.

c. **They still did not believe for joy, and marveled:** The disciples were completely convinced that Jesus rose

from the dead, but they had a hard time accepting it because it seemed too good to be true. But it was their confirmed belief in the resurrected Jesus that gave them power enough to change the world and courage enough to die for their convictions.

2. ([Luk 24:44-48](#)) Jesus teaches His disciples.

Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things."

a. **These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you:** Jesus *almost* says "I told you so" by reminding them that all this has happened just as He said it would. To help His disciples take it all in, **He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.**

i. It must have been before this that the disciples were actually born again by God's Spirit, when Jesus breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit ([John 20:22](#)).

b. **It was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day:** Jesus wanted them to understand that the cross was not some unfortunate obstacle that had to be hurdled. It was a **necessary** part of God's redemptive plan for man, and that it would be in the name of a crucified and risen Savior that **repentance and remission of sins** will be brought to the world.

c. **You are witnesses of these things:** Jesus solemnly told them that they were **witnesses of these things**. Not only **witnesses** of the events surrounding the work of Jesus, but also of the commission itself to spread the gospel. This was a work they were all mutually responsible for.

3. ([Luk 24:49-53](#)) The Ascension of Jesus.

"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

a. **I send the Promise of My Father upon you:** They could not do the work Jesus had called them to do unless they were **endued with power from on high**, and that power would come as the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them.

b. **He lifted up His hands and blessed them ... while He blessed them:** Jesus left the earth blessing His Church, and He continues to bless them, as much as His people will receive.

i. Nothing but blessing had ever come from those hands; but now, Jesus stands as the High Priest over His people to bless them.

ii. When Jesus blesses His people, it isn't just a pious wish like "I hope things work out for you" or "I hope you

will be feeling better." Instead, the blessing of Jesus has inherent *power* within it.

iii. "If he has blessed you, you *shall* be blessed, for there is no power in heaven, or earth, or hell, that can reverse the blessing which He gives." (Spurgeon)

iv. When we think about those hands raised up in blessing, we can see the scars from the nails that were pounded through Jesus' flesh and that kept Him bound to the cross. We can see that these hands of pain should also be hands of blessing.

v. Those nail-scarred hands show the price of your blessing; it is a price you cannot pay, but Jesus already has. What then keeps you from being blessed? All you must do is come to this Jesus and receive that blessing in trusting faith.

d. **He was parted from them and carried up into heaven:** Jesus had to ascend so that confidence would be put in the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit, not in the geographical presence of Jesus.

i. [Acts 1:3](#) tells us that this ascension into heaven happened 40 days after Jesus' resurrection. He spent those 40 days proving the truth of His resurrection and preparing His disciples for His departure.

ii. "Those forty days were soon over. Very remarkable days they were, if you study them; so different from his former life. Nobody molested the Lord; no scribes or Pharisees contradicted him, no malicious Jews took up stones to stone him. . . . I might almost say that those days were the prelude of his glory, a sort of anticipation of his reign of peace, when he shall stand in the latter day upon the earth, and wars shall cease unto the end of the earth. When those forty days were over, the Master went his way. All was done that he had covenanted to perform, and he ascended to his reward." (Spurgeon, *Our Ascended Lord*)

e. **And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God:** This shows the wonderful result of the ministry of Jesus in the disciples' lives.

- **They worshipped Him:** This means they knew that Jesus was God, and they gave Him the honor He deserves.

- They **returned to Jerusalem:** This means they did just what Jesus told them to do. They were obedient.

- **With great joy:** This means they *really believed* Jesus rose from the dead, and let the joy of that fact touch everything in their life.

- **Continually in the temple praising and blessing God:** This means that they lived as *public* followers of Jesus, and could not hide their love and worship towards Him.

i. When God does this kind of work in His people, we say "**Amen.**"