

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Crucifixion and Resurrection

MATTHEW 26:36–28:10

Jesus took His disciples to the garden of Gethsemane. He knew that He was about to die. The disciples fell asleep, but Jesus prayed, “Father, please let this pass from Me. Not My will but Your will be done.” He woke the disciples and said, “Get up. My betrayer is coming.”

Suddenly, Judas arrived. A large crowd carrying swords and clubs was with him. Judas kissed Jesus so the crowd would know who Jesus was. The men grabbed Jesus and arrested Him.

Jesus was taken to the high priest, Caiaphas, who accused Jesus of claiming to be God, a crime deserving death. The leaders mocked Jesus, and witnesses told lies about Him. The crowd beat Him.

Peter, one of Jesus’ disciples, waited outside. “You were with Jesus,” some people said. Three times Peter said that he did not know Jesus.

The leaders sent Jesus to Pilate, the governor. Pilate could not find that Jesus had done anything wrong, so Pilate offered the people a choice: set Jesus free or free Barabbas, a well-known criminal. The people cried to free Barabbas. When Pilate asked the crowd what to do with Jesus, they shouted, “Crucify Him!”

Pilate agreed to put Jesus to death. Soldiers beat Jesus, put a robe on Him, and placed a crown of sharp thorns on His head. They nailed Jesus to a cross. From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness covered the land. Jesus cried out to God before He died. Suddenly, there was an earthquake. One of the men near the cross said, “This man really was God’s Son!”

Jesus was buried in a rich man’s tomb. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb, and men stood guard so that no one could steal Jesus’ body.

On the third day Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the tomb. Suddenly, a strong earthquake shook, and an angel came down from heaven and rolled back the stone from the tomb. The angel said, “Don’t be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here! He has risen, just as He promised.”

As the women ran to tell the disciples the good news, they heard a man say, “Good morning.” It was Jesus! The women knelt and worshiped Him. Jesus told them, “Don’t be afraid. Go and tell the disciples to go to Galilee, and they will see Me there.”

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: 1 John 4:10

LIFE POINT: Jesus took the punishment for people’s sins.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today’s Bible story taught about Jesus’ death and resurrection. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of people and rose from the grave three days later. Because Jesus paid our sin debt, He made a way for anyone who believes in Him to have a right relationship with God.

LIVE IT OUT

Talk to your child about Jesus’ resurrection. Ask how he would feel if he had been one of the disciples or if she had been one of the women at the tomb. Say a prayer, thanking God that Jesus took the punishment for our sins.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus died to pay the penalty for my sins—past, present, and future.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: 1 John 4:10

Monday: Isaiah 53:4

Tuesday: Matthew 19:25-26

Wednesday: Romans 10:9

Thursday: Hebrews 7:25

Friday: 1 Peter 3:18

Saturday: Romans 5:10

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Crucifixion and Resurrection* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

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Unit 2, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

The resurrection of Christ is a historical fact.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: We are bombarded with information—often touted as news—that too often is unsubstantiated. When we begin to research the information, it often turns up that facts are skewed and opinions are presented as fact. Many people view Jesus Christ in the same way. What they hear presented as truth gets written off as opinion or simply what someone wants to believe. The resurrection of Jesus Christ, however, is solidly grounded in fact and validated by eyewitnesses.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Live It Out: Help your child decorate a rock with permanent markers. Remind him of the stone and tomb. Tell your child he can remember that Jesus is alive when he sees the rock.

Jesus had died on a cross and had been buried in a tomb. Three days later, Mary and Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus was buried.

Suddenly, the ground began to shake. An angel rolled back the stone in front of the tomb. The angel told the women, “Do not be afraid. I have good news! Jesus is not here. He is alive!”

The women saw that the tomb was empty. Then the angel told the women to go and tell the disciples that Jesus is alive!

The women ran to find the disciples so they could tell them the good news. Suddenly, they saw Jesus! The two women ran to Jesus and worshiped Him.

Jesus said, “Go and tell My disciples they will see Me in Galilee.” The women ran to tell the disciples the good news.

KIDS

Scripture: Matthew 26:36–28:10

Live It Out: Talk about the resurrection. Ask how he would feel if he had been one of the people at the tomb. Say a prayer, thanking God that Jesus took the punishment for our sins.

When Jesus prayed in the garden, Judas betrayed Jesus and He was arrested.

Jesus was put on trial. He was mocked, beaten, and they placed a crown of thorns on His head. The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross and He died.

Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus and placed Him in a tomb. He rolled a large stone over the entrance.

On the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. An angel was there. The angel said, “Don’t be afraid. Go tell the disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead, just like He said He would.”

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then, they ran into Jesus. They began worshiping Him. Jesus was alive!

STUDENTS

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

- What makes the death of Jesus so significant?
- Why is the resurrection an essential element of the gospel?
- How can you be a witness of the resurrection of Jesus to others who need to believe?

Live It Out: Since Jesus’ death on the cross, many have claimed that the resurrection never happened. However, Jesus’ death and resurrection are central to our faith. Without these, there would be no forgiveness of sin. Without the cross, there would be no payment for sin. Without the resurrection, death would not have been defeated. Thankfully, the death and resurrection of Christ are actual events that did take place according to God’s plan. As a result, forgiveness and salvation are available to those who place their faith in Jesus.

How have you intentionally had to sacrifice for the sake of Christ? Discuss with your student some ways you have denied yourself to take up your cross and follow Jesus.