

#### RESURRECTION

A Got Questions Ministries Mini Bible Study





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#### How to Use This Mini Bible Study

Welcome to the Got Questions Ministries Bible Study! We're so glad you're here!

In these studies you will find content questions to grow your understanding, Bible search questions to dig deeper, and heartfelt questions to spark reflection and discussion. Whether you are a new or seasoned believer, using these Bible studies for personal study or as a small group/Sunday School resource, we hope you will increase in your understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ and that you will seek Him more passionately.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

– Jeremiah 29:13

These Bible studies are tools to help you grow in your knowledge of the topics at hand. However, knowing about God is not the same as actually knowing Him. God invites each of us to know Him personally and to

have eternal life through Him.

If we place our faith in Him, trusting in His death on the cross to pay for our sins, we will be forgiven and receive the promise of eternal life in heaven.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that anyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

If you have not yet trusted in Him for salvation or are unsure if you are saved, please visit: www.gotquestions. org/eternal-life.html.

May God richly bless you as you seek to study His Word and grow in your walk with Him (Joshua 1:8)!

Throughout this study, there will be information to read and questions to answer. Next to the questions will be icons. Here is your key to understanding them:



Content Qs



Bible Look Up Qs



Engage Qs



Reflection Qs





On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

John 11:17-27



Read the passage above. What do we learn about the resurrection from this passage?



What does Martha's response to Lazarus' death and her interaction with Jesus reveal about people? What does Jesus' response to her reveal about God?



What does it mean that Jesus is the resurrection and the life?



Has there been a time in your life where God didn't respond the way you thought He would? How would trusting in Him as the resurrection and life have changed your outlook on the situation?



Where in your life do you need Jesus to intervene? Pray and ask Him to bring life into your situation and resurrect what only He can in His timing and in His way.

## Lesson 2: RESURRECTION DAY TWO

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Luke 24:1-12



Read the passage above. What are the details surrounding Jesus' resurrection?



How did the reality of Jesus' resurrection impact the people in this passage?



How does the truth of Jesus' resurrection bring hope to your life?



Looking at the different responses to Jesus' resurrection (wonderment, remembering, telling others, disbelief, thinking it is nonsense, going to see for themselves, etc.), consider your response to Jesus' resurrection. How has your response impacted your life? How has your response impacted the lives of those around you?



Reflect on the wonderment of the resurrection. Praise God that we have a God who is alive and not dead. How is the reality of Christ's resurrection currently impacting your heart, relationships with others, circumstances, motivations, etc?

### Lesson 3: RESURRECTION DAY THREE

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 12-21



Read the verses above. What do they reveal about the resurrection?



Why was it so important to Paul that the believers stood firm on the truth of the resurrection?



According to these verses, what are the implications of Jesus' resurrection? What are the implications if the resurrection did not happen?



What hope does the resurrection give you in your current circumstances?



Think about the implications if Jesus' resurrection did not happen. Write them out. Pray and praise God for the gifts we have as a result of Jesus' death and resurrection.

## Lesson 4: RESURRECTION DAY FOUR

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the

*Spirit as a deposit, quaranteeing what is to come.* 

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

2 Corinthians 5:1-9



Read the verses above. Because of Jesus' resurrection we have hope that believers, too, will be resurrected one day. What do these reveal about how the resurrection changes our perspective on life?



How are you feeling the wrestle of living with purpose in this earthly tent while longing for the realities of heaven?



Compare and contrast the realities of living on this earth versus what awaits us in our heavenly resurrection?



How does the resurrection give us confidence in God's promises? What are we to be confident of, according to these verses?



Where are you currently groaning as you live this life? What are you truly longing for? Ask God to resurrect new life and purpose into those situations and allow your longing to spur you on to a purpose-filled life.

# Lesson 5: RESURRECTION DAY FIVE

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 8:18-25



Read the passage above. What does it reveal about the resurrection?



How does the hope of the resurrection give us perspective on our sufferings, expectations, and groanings?



In which of these areas (sufferings, expectations, and groanings) do you struggle the most to see the hope that the resurrection brings? Why?



Which situations in your life need the hope of the resurrection to shape your thinking and perspective? How are you currently allowing and seeing His truth through the power of the Spirit to speak hope into your situations?



Think back to the area where you struggle the most to let the resurrection bring hope. How would allowing the reality of Jesus' resurrection, our future resurrection, and God's promise of a new heaven and earth change your heart's attitude and actions?

## Lesson 6: RESURRECTION DAY SIX

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away

with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:1-11



Read the verses above. What do they reveal about resurrection and new life in Christ?



What assurances do we have as a result of the resurrection?



How does the reality of the resurrection impact your view of sin and death?



How are you allowing the reality of Christ's resurrection and your life in Christ to free you from sin and allow you to live as dead to sin but alive to God?



Ultimately, sin and death have no hold on believers even though we continue sinning and experiencing death in this life. Is there a place in your life where sin and death have a hold on you? Where would you like the resurrection of Christ and the life we have in Him to bring transformation?

## Lesson 7: RESURRECTION DAY SEVEN

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

From www.bibleref.com/2-Corinthians/5/2-Corinthians-5-17.html:

Paul has written that Christ's death for sin has changed the way he regards people. Instead of looking at each person as a mere human being, he must view those who are in Christ as something entirely different. Those who are "in Christ" are those who have faith in Him, credited with Christ's righteous life, and their sin forgiven by Christ's death in their place. Such people are new creatures. Those "in Christ" have become something they were not before. Their identity has changed from being the fallen version of themselves, to being associated with the righteousness of Christ. That's who they are now.

In fact, the old version of a Christian, who they were

before they were "in Christ," is not recoverable. The old is gone, Paul writes. The new has come. All the old dreams and ideas and agendas and purposes have ceased to exist and have been replaced by Christ's ideas and agendas and purposes in an entirely new creature called "Christian."

Paul's words are true in another way. The old way of humanity is also gone. The old way of the law is also gone. Christ is the long-promised new Covenant that makes it possible for men and women to be made new once and for all, and for eternity, with no possibility of returning to the old.



Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What is the connection between life in Christ and newness of life?



What is the old and what is the new in this verse?



In what areas are you tempted to live in the old way of life?



How have you seen God transform you into a new creation since trusting in Him?



Jesus died and rose again so we would be saved, freed from sin and death, and have the hope of new life in Him both now and for eternity. How has He done that in your life? With whom would you like to share that glorious truth this week?



Now that you have studied seven lessons on resurrection, take some time to reflect on what you've learned and how you will put what you've learned into practice.



How has your understanding of resurrection changed or expanded as a result of what you've learned through this study?



What will you change in your life as a result of this study?



Who in your life would you like to see grow in their understanding of resurrection? Commit to praying for them. What will you share with them about what you have learned?