

Chapter 11 | Study Guide

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:17 *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.*

Details of the Resurrection

1. All 4 gospels contain accounts of Jesus' resurrection (Matt. 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-53; John 20:1-21:25). Take some time and go through one or two of the gospel accounts of the resurrection. You might want to compare and contrast the different accounts with a neighbor or as a class.
2. Christ's resurrection was not a simple coming back from the dead as others had experienced (i.e. Lazarus in John 11:1-44). Rather when Jesus rose from the dead, he began a new kind of human life in which he had a perfect body that was no longer subject to weakness, aging, death, or decay.
3. Jesus' new body was a physical body (Matt. 28:9; Acts 10:41; Luke 24:30; John 20:27; Luke 24:39)

Results of the Resurrection

1. All who look to Jesus for their salvation have been "born again to a living home through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3) – Christ earned for us a new future life that is like his own.
2. The resurrection power helps us live the lives we were made to live
 - a. Power to gain more and more victory over sin (Rom. 6:11)
 - b. Power given to us from the Holy Spirit, which enables us to do the work Jesus commissioned us to do (Acts. 1:8)
3. Insures our right standing before God (Rom. 4:25). When God raised Jesus from the dead, he was affirming:
 - a. Jesus' work on our behalf
 - b. His approval of Jesus' work of suffering and dying for our sins
 - c. Affirming that Jesus' work on our behalf was complete
 - d. The penalty for sin was paid and therefore, Jesus did not need to remain dead any longer (Heb. 1:3)
4. Since "God raised the Lord," he "will also raise us up by his power" (1 Cor. 6:14). And "he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us...into his presence" (2 Cor. 4:14).
5. We will experience a resurrection of our own. When Jesus returns
 - a. "we shall all be changed" (1 Cor. 15:51)
 - b. Our mortal body will be exchanged for an immortal one (1 Cor. 15:53)

Jesus' Ascension

1. "Ascension" = Three words are used in the Greek in connection with the Ascension: Grk: anabainein (ascendere), "to go up"; Grk: analambanesthai (adsumi), "to be taken up"; Grk: poreuesthai "to go." The Session is connected with Ps 110, and this Old Testament passage finds frequent reference or allusion in all parts of the New Testament. But it is used especially in He in connection with Christ's priesthood, and with His position of authority and honor at God's right hand¹
2. 40 days after his resurrection (Acts 1:3). When Jesus left the earth, he left for a specific place: heaven.
3. Once in heaven, Jesus was "exalted at the right hand of God" (Act 2:33). God "highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil 2:9)
4. After his ascension, Jesus received glory, honor, and authority and angelic choirs now sing praise to him (Rev. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:25)
5. Christ's life provides a pattern for ours. Just as his resurrection lets us know what will eventually happen to us, his ascension lets us know where we will eventually go. And so we wait "with eager longing" (Rom. 8:19)

¹ ISBE Dictionary

Typical Questions:

1. Is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ really that important? What do we gain/lose if there was such a thing?
2. Do you honestly think that the resurrection was a historical thing? Like I know that we say that it happened and sure...it was something "good", but deep down inside do we really believe that the resurrection took place? Can a man really be beaten, crucified, and still ascend into heaven untarnished?
3. What are the implications of the resurrection? If this is true, what does this mean for true believers of Jesus? How do we live in light of this understanding? Do we take this seriously or is it just a fact? What does this mean for unbelievers? Is there really a day and a time where they'll be judged righteously for their rejection of the ascended Jesus?

More Help:

1. Theories of the Resurrection (handout)
2. 50 Reasons why Jesus had to Die by John Piper

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1. True/False: The Resurrection account of Jesus Christ can be found in ALL of the 4 Gospels.
2. Fill in the blank: "And if Christ has not be _____, your _____ is futile and you are still in your _____."
 - a. Bonus: 1 Corinthians ____: ____
3. True/False: Jesus' new resurrected body was a spiritual body and not a physical one.
4. When God raised Jesus from the dead, he was affirming:
 - a. Jesus' work on our behalf
 - b. That Jesus' work on our behalf was complete
 - c. The penalty for sin was paid
 - d. All of the above
5. What does the word "ascension" mean?
6. When did Jesus ascend into heaven after his resurrection?
 - a. 30
 - b. 40
 - c. 60
 - d. He never ascended
7. Where is Jesus right now?
8. **Bonus:** Name 4 animals that begin with the letter "F"
9. **Bonus:** Name 3 "books/letters" that were written by the apostle Paul
10. **Bonus:** Who's tag line is "the snack that smiles back"?

This is what's going on in my life right now: