

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why, when the Greeks asked to see Jesus, did Jesus then announce that His time had come?
2. Should a Christian “hate his life?”
3. How does Christ crucified attract Gentile and Jew to Himself?
4. By what power was Christ raised from the dead?
5. How shall we be resurrected? (Romans 8:11)

SUMMARY:

While we may never know fully why God required the blood of Jesus to atone for our sins, we know Christ’s love was more than great enough to offer Himself to bring us back to God. The same love that moved Him to die for us should also motivate us to sacrifice ourselves if necessary to serve Him. We all hope someday to share in the resurrection, but have already a benefit of His resurrection. We have a living hope, as it is written, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3)

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

March 29, 2026

First Quarter

CHRIST EXPLAINS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

LESSON TEXT: John 12:23-36

LESSON SETTING: In Jerusalem during Passover week.

TIME: Approximately 33 A.D.

I. THE SEED. John 12:23-24

- A. Planting or Death. Isaiah 53:9; Romans 6:3-7;
- B. Germination of New Life (beginning of new growth) John 3:6; Romans 8:1; 1 John 3:14
- C. Yield From Single Seed. Psalm 1:3; Matthew 13:23, 32; John 15:5

II. THE SERVANT. John 12:25-26

- A. No Regard For His Own Life. Isaiah 53:7; John 4:34; 1 Peter 2:21
- B. Service Means Obedience. Matthew 7:24; Hebrews 5:8; 10:9
- C. Reward For Faithful Service. John 14:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 22:14

III. THE SAVIOR. John 12:27-36

- A. Christ the First Fruit. Acts 26:23; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23
- B. Assurance That Believers Will Be Resurrected. John 5:25; 6:40; 11:25; 1 Thessalonians 4:14
- C. Believers Will Be In The Likeness Of Christ. Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:49; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 John 3:2

GOLDEN TEXT: *EXCEPT A CORN OF WHEAT FALL INTO THE GROUND AND DIE, IT ABIDETH ALONE; BUT IF IT DIE, IT BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT.*
John 12:24

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 20:1-18

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 16:1-11

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, The Son of God

TOPIC: THE RESURRECTED CHRIST

INTRODUCTION:

During the several years of Christ's teaching on this earth, He frequently pointed to the resurrection. He performed the many miracles and taught that He was the water of life, the bread of life, the great provider for mankind, teaching the necessity of the new birth for everyone and promising a new life for each person that would have faith to do so and follow Him.

As the Forgiving Savior, He is also the Giver of life to everyone that will believe in Him. Truly, the culmination of His life and teachings on this earth was accomplished when He arose from the grave. Many that met Him, believed and followed Him. Have you met the risen Christ?

CENTRAL TRUTH: Meeting the risen Lord transforms lives.

GOLDEN TEXT: *I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH, AND THAT HE SHALL STAND AT THE LATTER DAY UPON THE EARTH.*

Job 19:25

Satan had been permitted to test Job with the most catastrophic misfortunes that can befall man. After taking away all his possessions, he had now stricken Job's body with all manner of sores and boils. Satan's objective was to force Job to curse God. Job did curse the day of his birth; but of God he said, "Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" (Job 2:10) In his misery Job had no hope of restored health and goods, but looked beyond the grave to the resurrection.

Fifteen hundred years before Christ, he saw the Redeemer and understood His mission. It is strangely sad that Jesus' own disciples could not understand or believe His purpose at the time it was accomplished. Job could look ahead, and we can look back, and see why Christ had to die and rise again to perfect the plan of salvation.

They did not understand the way The Father led His Son;
How through His suffering and death All life for us He won.

– Z .H. 289:4

Today, when God is perhaps ready to turn another page of history, do we realize that at any time Christ may return for all who are ready for Him?

The redemption long awaited In its fullness now appears;
All His children, His elected, Reunite to endless years!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! For the Kingdom now has come! –Z.H. 284:4

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Mar. 30 – Apr. 1

Mon. *The Empty Tomb. John 20:1-10
Tue. *A Weeping Follower. John 20:11-18
Wed. Fearful Disciples. John 20:19-31
Thu. Revelation on the Seashore. John 21:1-11
Fri. Breakfast on the Beach. John 21:12-14
Sat. Restoration of Peter. John 21:15-22
Sun. Proof of the Resurrection. Acts 1:1-11

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