

Bethel Bible Series

Christ the Lord

New Testament Week 9

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - Why is it important that Jesus didn't just die on the cross but also rose back to life?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week - *The Empty Tomb*

Review of Last Week - Responses to Jesus' Death and Resurrection

How did people respond to Jesus' Death?

Witnesses expressed despair & gave up hope in Jesus as the Messiah

Centurion proclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Pilate was surprised he had actually died, Chief priests asked for guard to seal tomb

How did people respond to the Empty Tomb?

Guards & women afraid, shook, froze like dead

Women ran away from the tomb, Mary returned to the tomb & cried

Guards reported to priests & elders, Elders bribed guards to say disciples stole body

Apostles disbelieved women & went home; Peter ran to tomb, saw linens, wondered

Disciples were confused and hid behind locked doors in fear of Jews

How did people respond to Jesus' Resurrection?

Mary Magdalene & disciples recognized Jesus and told apostles

Apostles did not believe Mary nor two walking disciples

When Christ appeared, the apostles thought they saw a ghost

After proof, apostles were overjoyed; Thomas said, *My Lord and my God!*

At ascension, the apostles worshipped him, but some doubted

Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism - Apostles' Creed, Third Article, IV and V

195. What do the Scriptures teach of the resurrection of the body?

God will raise up me and all the dead, so that our bodies...shall be made alive.

196. What difference will there be in the resurrection of the dead?

A. The believers will rise with glorified bodies to everlasting life in heaven.

B. The unbelievers will rise to eternal death,...shame, contempt and torment in hell.

197. What do the Scriptures teach of eternal life?

A. At...death the soul of the believer is at once received into the presence of Christ.

B. The believer will live with Christ, according to body & soul, in eternal joy & glory

198. To whom will God give eternal life?

God will give eternal life to me and all believers, but to believers only.

199. Are you sure that you will enter eternal life?

I firmly believe..God has..called me by the Gospel,..chosen me..unto life everlasting

200. Why do you close this article with the words "This is most certainly true"?

Because all that I confess in this article is taught in the Bible; I firmly believe it.

The Empty Tomb - Picture Concepts

The Empty Tomb

The Descending Dove

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Lesson - *Christ the Lord*

The Apostles Await the Power (Acts 1)

Figures Approaching Walled City

Acts 1:4
Acts 1:9
Acts 1:12, 14

Walled City, Green Pastures and Globe

Acts 1:8

Be A Witness

Do we need to have sermons prepared for when we recognize opportunities to share our faith?

Acts 1:8

What is a witness?

Funk & Wagnalls

Is a witness expected to perform with a slick, well-rehearsed speech?

Proverbs 12:17

God's Plan

When Jesus ascended into heaven, the angel Gabriel approached Him and commented, "Master, you must have suffered terribly for men down there."

"I did", He said.

Gabriel asked, "Do they know all about how you loved them and what you did for them?"

"Oh, no," said Jesus, "not yet. Right now only a handful of people in Palestine know."

Gabriel was perplexed. "Then what have you done to let everyone know about your love for them?"

Jesus said, "I've asked Peter, James, John and a few more friends to tell other people about Me. Those who are told will in turn tell other people about Me, and My story will be spread to the farthest reaches of the globe. Ultimately, all of mankind will hear about My life and what I have done."

Gabriel frowned and looked rather skeptical. He knew well the sinfulness and irresponsibility of people. "Yes," he said, "but what if Peter and James and John grow weary? What if the people who come after them forget? What if way down in the 21st century people just don't tell others about You? Haven't You made any other plans?"

Jesus answered, "I haven't made any other plans. I'm counting on them."

Twenty centuries later ... He still has no other plan. He's counting on you and me. His early disciples adopted His priorities and devoted themselves to reaching their world. Christ counted on them and they delivered. Have we done as well?

Your Friends

How are we to systematically make disciples of all nations?

Acts 1:8

What is our world? Where is our Jerusalem?

Luke 5:27-32

How should we consider the relationships we have with unchurched people?

Esther 4:14b

How do we respond to our calling as God's way for our friends to hear His saving message?

Acts 4:20

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In Jerusalem (Acts 2-7)

Three Spires Within Walled City

First Spire

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:5-8

Acts 4:18-20

Acts 4:31

Acts 5:28-29

Acts 4:13

Acts 6:9-10

Acts 2:37-39

Acts 4:12

Acts 2:43

Acts 3:7, 16

Acts 5:15-16

Second Spire

Acts 1:15

Acts 2:41

Acts 2:47b

Acts 4:4

Acts 5:12-14

Acts 6:7

Third Spire

Acts 2:46

Acts 2:44-45

Acts 4:32, 34-35

Acts 5:17-18

Acts 5:33-34, 38-40

Acts 7:54-58

Acts 8:1-3

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In Judea and Samaria (Acts 8-12)

Arched Doorway & Path to Green Pastures

Acts 8:1

Acts 8:4

Acts 8:5-6, 12

Acts 8:14-17

Broken Portion of City Wall

Acts 8:26-27, 34-38

Acts 9:10-15

Acts 9:19b-20

Acts 10:1-2, 27-29a

Acts 10:34-35, 44, 48

Acts 11:2-3, 18

Acts 11:19-21

Acts 11:25-26

To The Ends of The Earth (Acts 13-28)

Globe Surrounded by Light

Acts 13:44-49

Acts 22:21

Open Book

Acts 2:22-24

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Acts 2:33-36

Closing Prayer

Summary

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *Reversion*