Victoria Fellowship Church International & Interdenominational

Bible Study Worksheet - April 4, 2021

Theme: Lessons from the Life of Jesus **Topic:** Lessons from the Life of Jesus – His

Main Texts: Luke 24:1-12

Key verse: Luke 24:6 - 'He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee' (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION: Last Friday, we joined Christians and the world at large to celebrate Good Friday - the day Jesus gave His life on man's behalf. In not less than three separate occasions, Jesus clearly foretold this event. These instances were captured in all 3 synoptic gospels – Matthew (16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19), Mark (8:31-32; 9:30-32; 10:32-34), and Luke (9:21-22, 43-45; 18:31-34). And with each prediction of His death was the prediction of His resurrection. This pattern was continued by the Apostles: Apostle Peter in his first sermon highlighted the resurrection along with the crucifixion (Acts 2:22-31). Here is the way Apostle Paul summed it: "I told you the most important part of the message exactly as it was told to me. This part is: Christ died for our sins, as scriptures say. He was buried, and three days later He was raised to life, as the Scriptures say." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 CEV). In discussing or contemplating the gospel, we must remember His resurrection as of equal importance with His death (Luke 24:6).

1. (a) Read 1 Corinthians 15:1- 4; Hosea 6:2. Why do you think Jesus' death and resurrection always go hand in hand? (b) can one be saved by believing only in Jesus' death and not also in His resurrection? See. Romans 10:9. (c) Read Luke 24:9-12 and John 14:29. How did Jesus' disciples respond to the news of His resurrection? How should they have responded? What lessons can we learn from that?

Jesus' resurrection was so crucial that the enemy fought hard to stifle the fact. The Religious leaders of the day bribed the Roman soldiers to lie about what happened (Matthew 28:11-15). But thank God that when the Holy Spirit came, the disciples were not only able to accept the reality of the resurrection, but also extract exact references to it from the Old Testament. For example, Peter quoted Psalm 16:8-11: "... David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave him among the dead or allow his body to rot in the grave. "God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. Now He is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand..." (Acts 2:28-33 NLT). Similarly, the Apostle Paul declared, "Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1Corinthians 15:54-58 NLT)

2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:14-18, 54-58; Hebrews 2:14-18: (a) What would our faith be if Jesus had not risen from death? (b) What can we learn from 1 Corinthians 15:58 concerning Jesus' resurrection? (c) How should this truth affect our attitude towards death and dying whether from old age or by any other means?

Jesus' key desire is that those who believe in Him would ultimately be with Him wherever He is (John 17:24). Right now, He is seated at God's right hand. The Apostle Paul also echoed that when he wrote "And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world" (1 Corinthians 15:19 NLT). He also went on to emphatically state that "Flesh and blood cannot have a part in the kingdom of God..." (1 Corinthians 15:50 NLT).

3. (a) Since Jesus is seated at God's right hand and wants us to be where He is, how does that deepen your understanding of His resurrection? (b) If we are to be where Jesus is, how will mortals like us enter in to be where Jesus is at God's right hand? (c) Read Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 15:42-50. What then is the ultimate lesson from Jesus' resurrection?

Prayer: Father God thank You for raising Jesus from death and for all the blessings that are ours because of Jesus' resurrection. Help us to live in the hope of our own resurrection. In Jesus Name, Amen.