

Worksheet # 5 – The Resurrection of Our Lord

[April 22nd class on your Catechesis One Class Schedule]

NOTE FOR PARENTS & CATECHUMENS: There is no video for this worksheet. Parents are to work through this worksheet with their children. Additional notes have been supplied, but you will need to read the Bible lesson with them, and discuss it and the questions that follow. You may use your Bible and the Small Catechism to complete this worksheet. When completed, please put in Mr. Baker's mailbox here at church. If you have any questions, contact either Mr. Baker or Pastor Porath.

Read John 20:1-31 and answer the following questions.

1. When you think of the “first day of the week” what day do you think of? [_____] Take a look at a calendar. What is the first day of the week? [_____] So, when it says that it is “the first day of the week” in verse 1, what day are we talking about? [_____] What other name would we have for this particular day? [_____]
2. Sunday is also called “the Lord’s day.” What did the Lord do on this day? Why have Christians chosen Sunday as the day they gather for worship?
3. What does Mary Magdalene see in verse 1? What does she say in verse 2? What do you think is going through her mind at this point in time?
4. Who is this “Simon Peter”? What do we know about him? [see John 18] Who is “the other disciple”? [Mr. Baker and I have talked about him in some of the past videos]
5. What did Simon Peter and “the other disciple” see (verses 5-9)? Why does the Bible tell us that the “face cloth” was “not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself”? What does this detail suggest? [Hint: Remember that guards were posted at the tomb because some said that Jesus’ disciples might come and steal the body away]

6. What is an “angel”? [_____] What do the two angels say to Mary?

Notice that their question to Mary is the same that Jesus asks in verse 15. Why are they the same?
[If an angel is a _____, then they simply speak the _____ that God gives to them.]

7. When Mary first sees Jesus, does she recognize Him? [_____] Who does she think this man is?
[_____] At this point in time, what do you suppose Mary thinks has happened?

8. When/how does she eventually recognize Jesus?

9. When Jesus says “do not cling to me,” it is in the sense of “do not keep on clinging to me” (holding on to me, not letting go). Why would Mary want to “cling” to Jesus? Why does Jesus tell her not to “cling” to Him?

10. Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus ascends into heaven. At that point in time, Mary (and all the followers of Jesus) will not be able to do what? [_____]

11. During the time between the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, He goes around showing Himself alive to many people, and teaching people about the kingdom of God. Mary (and the others) will see the resurrected Jesus. He will be their “Rabboni (which means Teacher). But for now, both Jesus and Mary have work to do. What is Mary supposed to do?

12. What day is it when the resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples (verse 19)? [_____]

13. Why are the disciples locked behind doors? What are they afraid of?

14. If the doors are locked, how is it that Jesus “came and stood among them”?
15. Think about all that had happened between Jesus and His disciples over the past few days. How have the disciples sinned against Jesus in these days? Now, when Jesus comes to them, does He get revenge? [_____] Does He punish them? [_____] What does He say to them?
16. When Jesus says, “Peace be with you,” what is He saying to them? Notice that when He says it again (verse 21), it is in connection with what? [see verse 23]
17. How does the resurrection of Jesus show that sins are forgiven? Read Romans 6:23. Where there is sin, there is _____. Where sin has been taken away, _____ has been taken away.
18. Jesus is without sin. He never sinned, not even once – not in thought, word, or deed. Then how can He die if He has no sin?
19. What does the resurrection of Jesus (who was dead, but now is alive) tells us about our sin?
20. What does Jesus send these disciples to do? Why does He give them the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit have to do with the work they are being sent to do?

21. Thomas was not with the other disciples when the resurrected Jesus first appears to them. At this point in time, has Thomas seen the resurrected Jesus with his own eyes? [_____] Should he know and believe that Jesus is alive? [_____] Does he simply doubt what the others are telling him, or is it more than doubt? [see verse 25]

22. In verse 26 we learn that Thomas is now with the other disciples and Jesus appear to them again. The Bible says “Eight days later,” so what day is it? [_____]

In the Jewish way of keeping time, they counted even a part of a day as a day. So, if it was Sunday [Easter] when Jesus first appears to His disciples, and it is now “Eight days later” when He appears to them again, what day is it? Think, and count, like a Jew. [_____]

23. Again, the doors are locked (verse 26), so how does Jesus get in the room?

24. Why does Jesus show Thomas His hands and His side? Is it just so that Thomas can see that He is alive, or does the Lord desire more than just seeing?

25. Have you seen the resurrected Jesus? Do you believe that He died, was raised to life, and now live forever? If so, who are you, according to verse 29?

26. For whom was the Gospel of St. John written? Why was it written?