

1. The death and burial of Jesus

- a) John 19:32-37 – evidence of the death of Jesus
- b) John 19:38-42 What details does the apostle John record regarding the burial of Jesus?
- c) What additional information regarding the burial of Jesus is provided by the apostle Matthew? Matthew 27:57-61, 62-66
- d) Share occasions when Jesus prophesied about His victory over death. John 2:19-22, Luke 18:31-33, John 10:17-18, John 11:25, etc.

2. The resurrection of Jesus

- a) Matthew 28:1-8 What was the testimony of the angel at the empty tomb of Jesus?
- b) How did the disciples of Jesus respond when they discovered His tomb was empty? John 20:1-10, Luke 24:1-11
- c) People still struggle today to believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. What compelling evidence would you share with them?
- d) How did the Jewish leaders respond to the news about the resurrection of Jesus and the empty tomb? Matthew 28:11-15

3. Witnesses of the Risen Christ

- a) John 20:11-19 What impresses you about this meeting between Jesus and Mary?

- b) Luke 24:13-35 – Why does Luke record this meeting on the Emmaus Road?
- c) John 20:19-29 – Where do you see the love of Jesus revealed in these meetings with His disciples?
- d) John 21:1-14 – Why were the disciples fishing? What should they have been doing?
- e) What is the apostle Paul's testimony regarding the Risen Christ? 1 Corinthians 15:3-7
- f) Why is the reality of Christ's resurrection from the dead so important for our lives today? 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

4. Our victory in Christ

- a) Matthew 27:51-53 What was the significance of the resurrection of many saints in connection with the resurrection of Jesus?
- b) What prophecy did Jesus give when He approached the tomb of His friend Lazarus? John 11:21-27
- c) What truth was the apostle Paul emphasizing when he called Jesus "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep"? (1 Corinthians 15:20)
- d) What assurance did the apostle Paul give to Christians in Thessalonica regarding those who have fallen asleep in Christ? 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- e) Why is this truth good news for you today?

