

A person wearing a dark hooded cloak is seen from behind, looking out from a cave opening. The cave's interior is dark and rocky, with a large, jagged rock formation on the right side. Outside the cave, a bright sunset or sunrise fills the sky with warm orange and yellow light. In the distance, a large, simple cross stands on a grassy hill. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

**SELECTED SCRIPTURES
FROM LUKE & ACTS**

SUNDAY HE IS RISEN

Read Luke 24:1-12

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- Why is it significant that Jesus spoke of his death and resurrection to his disciples beforehand (v. 6-7)?
- Though he had told them what would come, still not one of them expected his return. What warning can we glean from this?
- Often in our day, the Resurrection is still received as an "idle tale" (v. 11). Yet, there is no gospel if there is no resurrected savior (1 Corinthians 15:14). Why is the truth of this historical event so central to our faith?

The resurrection of Christ is the Amen of all His promises.
- John Boys

Kids Discussion Questions

- Easter is our celebration of the most important event in history. What happened on the first Easter?
- Christmas is incredible, isn't it? Did you know that we wouldn't have a reason to celebrate Christmas all these years after Jesus' birth if he was still buried in a tomb? What makes Easter so important?
- We call the announcement that Jesus died and rose again the Good News. Why is it good news for us?

Sing

Low in the Grave He Lay
Robert Lowry

Pray

For all those in our community who still see the Resurrection as an "idle tale" (v. 11).

LOW IN THE GRAVE HE LAY

-ROBERT LOWRY

1

Low in the grave He lay—
Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day—
Jesus my Lord!

Chorus:

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2

Vainly they watch His bed—
Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus my Lord!

3

Death cannot keep his prey—
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away—
Jesus my Lord!

MONDAY

ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Read Luke 24:13-27

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What caused Cleopas to doubt that Jesus was "the one to redeem Israel" (v. 21)?
- Moses and the prophets spoke clearly of him. What are some of the most remarkable "things concerning him" (v.27) from the Old Testament?
- From verse 26, why was it "necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

The Bible tells one story and points to one figure... In the Old Testament God revealed Himself through types and shadows, promises and prophecies. In the New Testament God reveals Himself in Christ, who is the substance of every shadow and the fulfillment of every promise and prophecy.

- Kevin Deyoung

Kids Discussion Questions

- Looking at our passage, how many miles did Jesus walk to the city of Emmaus the day he rose from the dead?
- What did Cleopas and his friend not understand about Jesus?
- Moses lived over 1000 years before Jesus' birth but Moses wrote about Jesus. How do you think this happened?

Sing

Hallelujah, What a Savior
Phillip P. Bliss

Pray

For the widows of our church.

HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR - PHILIP P. BLISS

1. "Man of Sorrows" what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah, what a Savior
Hallelujah, what a Savior
2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah, what a Savior
Hallelujah, what a Savior
3. Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement can it be
Hallelujah, what a Savior
Hallelujah, what a Savior
4. Lifted up was He to die
"It is finished!" was His cry
Now in heaven exalted high
Hallelujah, what a Savior
Hallelujah, what a Savior
5. When He comes, our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah, what a Savior

TUESDAY

"THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!"

Read Luke 24:28-35

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- In verse 31, the eyes of these two disciples were opened to the truth. Who should be given credit for this (was it their wit or was it revealed to them)?
- Can you recall a time in your life such as what is described in verse 32, when your "heart burned within" you from the reading or preaching of the Scriptures?

How sweet all at once it was for me to be rid of those fruitless joys which I had once feared to lose and was now glad to reject!...You drove them from me and took their place, You who are sweeter than all pleasure... You who surpass all honor though not in the eyes of men who see all honor in themselves.

- Augustine

Kids Discussion Questions

- Our passage says "their eyes were opened" (v. 31) What do you think this means?
- Right after they realized that Jesus was alive, they went to do something. What was it?
- Since we also know the good news about Jesus, how can we do the same?

Sing

Speak, O Lord
Keith Getty and Stuart
Townsend

Pray

Pick a family from
Calvary to pray for

SPEAK, O LORD -KEITH GETTY AND STUART TOWNSEND

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

2. Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

WEDNESDAY

JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

Read Luke 24:36-43

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- How can we respond to doubt which arises in our hearts like that of the disciples?
- How does this passage emphasize the bodily resurrection of Jesus?
- Through the ages, many have attacked this very point, that Jesus was raised bodily (physically). Why is it significant that Jesus had not come back as a spirit but in a resurrected body?

If Christ were not raised from the dead, then He is morally unable to save. Jesus told of His future death and bodily resurrection on numerous occasions prior to it happening, and those predictions were lies if not fulfilled. Deception negates His larger message. A deceiver could not be God, or a sinless Savior.

- Jim Elliff

Kids Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to doubt?
- What was it that the disciples doubted?
- What did Jesus do to defeat their doubts in verses 39-40?

Sing

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Louisa M.R. Stead

Pray

For the salvation of
family members who do
not know the Lord

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS - LOUISA M.R. STEAD

1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, Thus saith the Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er,
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.

2

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me,
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood.

3

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life, and rest, and joy, and peace.

4

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

THURSDAY

"THUS IT IS WRITTEN"

Read Luke 24:44-49

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about Jesus' remarks?
- All through chapter 24 of Luke, the Lord emphasizes what was written by Moses and the Prophets. Why do you think he does this?
- Verse 48 hints at a theme Paul picks up in 1 Corinthians 15. Why is it significant that the disciples were eye witnesses to the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus?
- Verse 49 foreshadows another momentous event which would come in Jerusalem after Jesus' ascension. What was coming and how would this event cloth the disciples "with power from on high?"

This gospel message was to be proclaimed among all nations, "beginning at Jerusalem", but not ending there. It has been preached to us; let us see to it that we pass it on to those who have never heard it yet.

- C.H. Spurgeon on verses 46-47

Kids Discussion Questions

- Verse 47 mentions a message of "repentance and forgiveness of sins." What does repentance mean?
- Who is this message of "repentance and forgiveness of sins," for?
- What has Jesus done so that by repenting and believing in him our sins can be forgiven?

Sing

Ancient Words
Lynn DeShazo

Pray

That the Lord would give
your family illumination
to understand the
scriptures (v. 45)

ANCIENT WORDS

-LYNN DESHAZO

1. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus:

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

2. Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

3. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

4. Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear

FRIDAY

THE ASCENSION

Read Luke 24:50-53

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What has stood out to you from Luke 24 this week?
- The disciples responded with worship and joy. How are worship and joy related?
- Jesus ascended but he did not leave them without guidance. In fact, he once said it would be better that he leave and send them the Holy Spirit than that he remain (John 16:7). How is this so?

When Christ returned to heaven, He withdrew His physical presence from our sight. He didn't stop being with the disciples but by the ascension fulfilled His promise to be with us to the end of the world. As His body was raised to heaven, so His power and reign have spread to the uttermost parts.

- John Calvin

Kids Discussion Questions

- Looking at verse 52, what does it mean to worship?
- What are a few different ways we can worship Jesus this week?
- What does it mean to have "great joy" (v. 52) and what about Jesus should give us this kind of joy?

Sing

*Come Thou Fount of Every
Blessing*
Robert Robinson

Pray

For the children of
Calvary, that they would
grow to love Christ and
treasure his word

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - ROBERT ROBINSON

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the face of God;
He, to save my soul from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

2. O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Teach me, Lord, some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above!
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it. Mount of Thy redeeming love.

3. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love:
Take my heart, oh, take and seal it With Thy Spirit from above.
Rescued thus from sin and danger, Purchased by the Savior's blood,
May I walk on earth a stranger, As a son and heir of God.

SATURDAY

PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Read Acts 1:1-5

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What are some of the "proofs" mentioned in verse 3?
- Luke wrote both Luke and Acts for one man. What does this say about the value of a single soul?
- In what ways is the baptism of Jesus better than that of John?

Spirit baptism takes place at salvation, when the Lord places the believer into the body of Christ by means of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13), and purifies the believer by the water of the Word (Ephesians 5:26; cf. John 15:3). Paul refers to this as "the washing of regeneration, and renewing by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5), almost perfectly echoing Jesus' words in John 3:5: "unless one is born of water (the washing of regeneration) and the Spirit (and renewing by the Holy Spirit), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

- John MacArthur

Kids Discussion Questions

- Luke wrote 2 books for one man to understand who Jesus is. How long would it take to write 2 books? Can you imagine writing 2 books for 1 person?
- What were the disciples waiting on in verse 4?
- Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit (v.5). Who is the Holy Spirit?

Sing
Doxology
Thomas Ken

Pray
That the Lord would
prepare the hearts of
those who will hear his
Word preached
tomorrow

DOXOLOGY - THOMAS KEN

1

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

2

Praise God the Father who's the source;
Praise God the Son who is the course;
Praise God the Spirit who's the flow;
Praise God, our portion here below!