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THE CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

Luke 22:1–24:12

Following Jesus' reception in Jerusalem, the crowds that cheered His arrival would soon turn away from Him. Jesus was not surprised by this because it was exactly what God had planned for them to do.

Luke began by sharing several stories of Jesus' interactions while in Jerusalem. Each of these stories gave more fuel to the extreme anger the Pharisees now had for Jesus. Every time Jesus did something else that hinted at His deity, the religious leaders became more and more angry. Finally, the religious leaders had had enough and set in motion a plot to kill Jesus. They found a conspirator from among Jesus' own disciples—Judas Iscariot. Judas conspired with the Pharisees and agreed to betray Jesus.

With Judas set on betrayal, he joined Jesus and the other disciples in an upper room where the Passover meal had been prepared. Jesus sat with His twelve disciples and shared a special symbolic meal, one that would later be done in remembrance of the sacrifice Jesus was about to make. Judas took part in this special service and then left to fulfill his commitment to the Pharisees.

Later that evening, Jesus and His disciples gathered in the garden called Gethsemane. This garden was located on the Mount of Olives and gave an overhead view of the city of Jerusalem. In the garden, Jesus prayed for God's plan to be fulfilled just as God desired. Jesus fully submitted to God's plan. When Jesus finished praying, Judas arrived and fulfilled what he promised by betraying Jesus.

Recall our study of Psalm 22. The Psalm that David wrote nearly 1,000 years before this event was about to become fulfilled Scripture. Jesus was treated badly by the temple police, He was condemned to death, and finally hung on the cross where He died. As further fulfillment of Scripture and as concrete proof that Jesus was the promised Messiah, God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day.

SESSION FOCUS

BIBLE PASSAGE: Luke 22:1–24:12

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 5:8

BIBLE VERSE: Luke 24:6a

TEXT TRUTH: The tomb is empty. Jesus defeated sin and death. He is alive!

BIBLE SKILLS SPOTLIGHT: Know and recite all of the books of the Bible in order in a limited time frame. Know the Bible is God’s revelation about Himself and how He rescues and transforms us.

BIBLE STUDY

(35 MINUTES)

- ☐ **Jump In:** “Milan Monument” (Slide), Item 7: “Text Truth 7” (Poster Pack)
- ☐ **Examine the Text:** Bibles, Item 5: “The Gospel” (Printables)
- ☐ **Play the Video:** *Explore the Bible on Location* video
- ☐ **Memory Verse:** Item 2: “Romans 5:8” (Poster Pack)
- ☐ **Prayer:** *Family Cards*

APPLY THE TRUTH

(20 MINUTES)

- ☐ **Explorer Guides:** *Bibles, Explorer Guides, pens*
- ☐ **Review:** “Luke” (Books of the Bible Posters), Item 12: “Christ in Context: Luke” (Printables), Item 13: “Jerusalem Map” (Poster Pack)
- ☐ **Missions:** roll of white craft paper, crayons, pencils

ACTIVITIES

(20 MINUTES)

- ☐ **Bible Skills:** *Bibles, timer*
- ☐ **Move:** *small cloth, communion cup and wafer, plant with thorn, small rock, 2-3 nails, 2 sticks, empty container, Item 4: “Allergy Alert” (Poster Pack)*
- ☐ **Make:** *crescent rolls, melted butter, large marshmallows, cinnamon, sugar, Item 4: “Allergy Alert” (Printables), plastic spoons*
- ☐ **Explore:** *Item 5: “The Gospel” (Printables), Bible*

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THE CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

Luke 22:1–24:12

The religious leaders did not like Jesus. They wanted to get rid of Him. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the religious leaders and made a deal. Judas agreed to betray Jesus in exchange for some silver.

Meanwhile, Jesus and His disciples observed the Passover. Jesus also led the men to have the first Lord's Supper. Jesus explained that the bread was a symbol for His body that would suffer and die for them. The drink was a symbol of the blood Jesus would shed to establish a new covenant. Then Jesus explained that soon He would be betrayed by one of the disciples.

Later, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. He asked the disciples to pray for Him. Then Jesus walked away and prayed, "I will obey You God, not My will, but Yours." Jesus went and found the disciples sleeping, not praying.

While Jesus was speaking to the disciples about praying, a mob appeared with Judas. Judas went to Jesus and kissed Him.

The mob took Jesus to the high priest's house. The men mocked and beat Him. Then they took Jesus to the Sanhedrin. They asked Jesus if He was the Son of God. Next, they took Jesus to Pilate and Herod Antipas. Finally, Pilate agreed to free a criminal, Barabbas, and let the people crucify Jesus.

As Jesus was dying on the cross, the veil in the temple split down the middle. Jesus called out to God and Jesus died on the cross. One of the soldiers at the cross, a centurion, began to praise God. He understood that Jesus was innocent of sin; Jesus was righteous.

Jesus was buried in a tomb, and the people observed the Sabbath. On the morning after the Sabbath, some of Jesus' followers took spices and perfumes to His tomb. When the women arrived, the stone was rolled away and Jesus was not there. They were confused.

Suddenly two men appeared and asked the women, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here. He has been resurrected! Remember, He told you, 'The Son of man will be betrayed, crucified, and rise on the third day.'"

The women remembered and went to the disciples and shared the good news! Peter ran to the tomb to see. He looked inside and only found the cloths Jesus' body had been wrapped in. He was amazed at what had happened! Jesus was alive!

CHRIST IN CONTEXT:

The Book of Luke gives a detailed description of the life of Jesus. Jesus was described as the Son of man who came to save all people—Jews and Gentiles. Because Jesus was fully human, He was tempted and suffered like we do. Luke showed that Jesus cares for people and can understand when we face hard times.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND HOME THESE FAMILY RESOURCES EACH WEEK:

- "Explore the Bible at Home" (Printables)
- Explore the Bible: Kids Family Cards

BIBLE STUDY (35 MINUTES)

TOOLS:

- Jump In: "Milan Monument" (Slide), Item 7: "Text Truth 7" (Poster Pack)
- Examine the Text: Bibles, Item 5: "The Gospel" (Printables)
- Play the Video: Explore the Bible on Location video
- Memory Verse: Item 2: "Romans 5:8" (Poster Pack)
- Prayer: Family Cards

Need an Opening Activity? Choose one of the activities in the *Activities* section and adapt it to introduce the session.

JUMP IN

- Display the "Milan Monument."
- Ask: "What do you think when you see this picture?" (*Give kids time to answer.*)
- Say: "Many of you know that is a picture of Jesus sharing a Passover meal with His disciples. During that meal Jesus took the cup and the bread and explained that these would now represent the sacrifice He was going to make."
- Say: "Jesus knew at this meal that someone He loved would betray Him and that would lead to His death, but He sat at that meal and ate with the men He loved and had spent time with."
- Say: "Let's look at our Text Truth: **the tomb is empty. Jesus defeated sin and death. He is alive!**"

EXAMINE THE TEXT

- Instruct kids to open their Bibles to Luke 23.
- Tell the Bible story in your own words, a Bible story page is provided for you to use as a guide.
- Say: "The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus are the foundation of the Christian faith. Our entire faith is centered around Jesus dying on a cross and rising from the tomb three days later."
- Say: "The days leading up to Jesus' death are full of many important events: Judas agreed to betray Jesus; Jesus had the Passover meal; Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and asked the disciples to pray. When He went back, He found them asleep; A mob found them and Judas kissed Jesus on the cheek. All of these events led to Jesus being taken in front of Pilate and then being placed on a cross for crucifixion."
- Ask a volunteer to read Luke 23:44-46.
- Ask: "What happened to the curtain of the sanctuary?" (*it was split in two*)
- Ask: "Why was the curtain (*veil*) tearing important?" Explain that the curtain tearing demonstrated that Jesus had paid the final price for our sin. No more sacrifices would be needed.
- Say: "This was very sad, and we should all be sad when we remember what happened to Jesus, but this was not the end of the story. Jesus didn't stay on that cross, His body was removed and taken to a tomb."
- Ask a volunteer to read Luke 24:6-8.
- Ask: "What did the women expect to find in the tomb?" (*Jesus' body*) "What did they find?" (*Nothing. The tomb was empty because Jesus is alive.*)

- Say: “These verses help remind us that Jesus was foretold to die on the cross and rise on the third day! Jesus did exactly what was promised since the beginning of time! We have a God that loves us so much that He sent His only Son to die a brutal death and then raised Him up three days later so we can spend eternity with Him!”
- Remind the kids of the Text Truth: **the tomb is empty. Jesus defeated sin and death. He is alive!**
- Display “The Gospel” and share with boys and girls how to become a Christian.

PLAY THE VIDEO

- Play the Session 7 video.
- Ask: “What was Joel trying to get to his friend? Name a way he traveled to his friend’s house. How did Peter travel to the tomb when he heard the women say it was empty? What are we supposed to tell people everywhere we go?”

MEMORY VERSE

- ☐ *Bible Verse Option: The Memory Verse activity each week is focused on the monthly Memory Verse, Romans 5:8. If your kids quickly memorize the Memory Verse, you may opt to challenge them to learn an additional weekly Bible Verse. This week’s Bible Verse is Luke 24:6a.*

- Display the “Romans 5:8” poster.
- Lead the children to say the verse together.
- Say: “This verse perfectly reminds us of what Christ did for us. We have all sinned, and Christ died for us.”
- Ask if any of the kids can say the verse from memory.
- Say the verse again together as a group.

PRAYER

- Distribute Family Cards to each child.
- Ask if any of the kids have someone they would like to pray for that they know needs to know the love of Christ. *(Give the kids time to answer.)*
- Say: “I want you to always remember that Jesus is alive! He loves you and cares about you, and He died on a cross for you!”
- Lead a prayer, thanking Jesus for everything He did for us so we can spend eternity with Him.

APPLY THE TRUTH (20 MINUTES)

TOOLS:

- Explorer Guides: Bibles, Explorer Guides, pens
- Review: “Luke” (Books of the Bible Posters), Item 12: “Christ in Context: Luke” (Printables), Item 13: “Jerusalem Map” (Poster Pack)
- Missions: roll of white craft paper, crayons, pencils

EXPLORER GUIDES

- Distribute Explorer Guides and help kids locate today’s pages.
- Review this week’s object, the “Milan Monument.”
- Help kids solve the “Luke 24 Crossword.”
- Read aloud “What Is the Lord’s Supper?”
- Select volunteers to read aloud the “Bible Story Who’s Who.”
- Lead kids to write their thoughts in “Where Can I Share?”

REVIEW

- Display the “Luke” poster. Select volunteers to read some of the questions and answers to learn more about the Book of Luke. Be sure to review the reason Luke was written:
 - ▶ Why was Luke written? To give an in-depth, historical account of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- Share the “Christ in Context: Luke” statement with girls and boys.
- Display the “Jerusalem Map” and invite kids to locate places they recognize from the last few weeks of study. (*possible locations: Jericho, Mount of Olives, garden of Gethsemane, Bethphage, Bethany*)

MISSIONS

- Roll out a large sheet of craft paper and give the kids crayons and pencils.
- Say: “The Worthy family loves to plan events in their community for their friends. These parties are sometimes called *outreach events*. The purpose of an outreach event is to build friendships and talk about Jesus.”
- Briefly highlight any outreach events your church hosts.
- Guide the kids to choose a spot on the paper to draw different things they might enjoy at an outreach event. Then ask them to use speech bubbles to show what a Christian might say to someone at an outreach event, even during a game or while eating some delicious food together.
- When they are finished drawing, display the mural on the wall.
- Encourage the kids to tell someone about Jesus this week.

ACTIVITIES (20 MINUTES)

- Select one or more of the activities to complete as time allows.



FIND THE BOOK OF THE BIBLE!

Tools: Bibles, timer

- Give each player a Bible.
- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Call out a book of the Bible and tell kids that when they find it, they should stand up.
- Give them 20 seconds to complete this.
- Ask one of the kids standing which book comes before the book that was called out.
- Play a few times with different books from the Old and New Testament.
- As kids get better at the game, shorten the amount of time they have to look up the books.
- Ask: "Which books record the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus?" (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*) "Which one did we study today?" (*Luke*)
- Conclude by reviewing the Text Truth from today's study of Luke: **the tomb is empty. Jesus defeated sin and death. He is alive!**



RESURRECTION SCAVENGER HUNT

Tools: small cloth, communion cup & wafer, plant with thorn, 2-3 nails, small rock, 2 sticks, empty container, Item 4: "Allergy Alert" (Poster Pack)

☐ Hide the items around your room.

- Tell the kids that today they will be searching for items that represent part of our story.
- Give kids a few minutes to go around the room and carefully find all the items.
- Ask: "Do you know what these items represent?" (*Give kids a chance to respond.*)
 - ▶ small cloth—washing the disciples' feet
 - ▶ Communion cups and wafer—Lord's supper
 - ▶ plant with thorns—crown of thorns
 - ▶ nails—the crucifixion
 - ▶ small rock—stone in front of the tomb
 - ▶ 2 sticks—the cross
 - ▶ empty container—the empty tomb
- Say: "These items can help us remember everything that Christ went through for us. His death was necessary for us to have eternal life with Him."
- Review the Text Truth: **the tomb is empty. Jesus defeated sin and death. He is alive!**

RESURRECTION ROLLS



Tools: crescent rolls, melted butter, large marshmallows, cinnamon, sugar, Item 4: "Allergy Alert" (Printables), plastic spoons

☐ If you don't have access to an oven at church, bake the rolls on 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes ahead of time. Bring at least one that is not baked so you can demonstrate how it is made and then share the treats with the kids.

- Help kids open the crescent rolls and use a spoon to coat them with butter.
- Guide the girls and boys to wrap the roll around a large marshmallow and lightly sprinkle cinnamon and sugar on top.
- Bake for 10-12 minutes at 350 degrees. Keep kids away from the oven.
- After cooling, allow kids to open the crescent roll to reveal it is now empty just like the tomb.
- Review the Text Truth: **the tomb is empty. Jesus defeated sin and death. He is alive!**

SHARE THE GOSPEL



Tools: Item 5: "The Gospel" (Printables), Bible

☐ Be prepared to share the gospel with your group today or have another adult prepared to share with the group.

- Review the Text Truth: **the tomb is empty. Jesus defeated sin and death. He is alive!**
- Say: "The gospel is the good news of Jesus. It is the message of Christ."
- Ask if any of the kids feel comfortable sharing the gospel with the group.
- Be sure that an adult is ready to share the gospel with the kids if any kids aren't ready.
- After an adult shares, remind kids that sharing the gospel is part of being a Christian. Guide kids to form pairs and practice sharing the gospel with one another.
- Say: "Our Text Truth reminds us that Jesus is alive and we need to tell people about Him."
- Encourage kids to practice sharing the gospel with their parents or friends.