

THE PLAN

32. The Resurrection (Mark 15, Luke 24) April 17, 2022

Story Coordinates

People (Who is the story about?)

Place (Where is their home?)

Presence (How can they meet with God?)

Purpose (What did God tell them to do?)

The Story

- Jesus confronted the powers in Jerusalem... and let them _____ and _____ him. (Mark 15:16-37)
- On the third day Jesus rose from the dead—and _____ some _____. (Luke 24:36-43)

The Meaning of the Resurrection

- The fish proved that Jesus was not a _____—he had received a new kind of life (_____ life) (1 John 1:1-2)
- Eternal life is the sign that the mission of the Messiah is _____: the Plan is _____! (Genesis 3:22, Ezekiel 37:20-28)

If Jesus is alive...

- ...then the Plan is already _____—the Resurrection of _____ has begun! (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)
- ...then he really is the messiah—king of _____ and the _____! (Acts 2:32-36)
- ...then he must have been right about what it means to _____ (Matthew 5:38-48)
- ...then he must have _____ Israel from their _____! (Galatians 3:13)
- ...then he must have fulfilled the _____ to bring _____ to the Gentiles! (Galatians 3:14, Romans 10:4,9)

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What is your favorite Easter tradition?

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Into the Bible (1 Corinthians 15:12-28)

- Read v. 12-19. Apparently, some of the Corinthians were denying that the Resurrection would ever happen. What is Paul's objection to this teaching?

- Read v. 20-23. We normally emphasize Jesus' death as the key moment of salvation. Why is Paul emphasizing the Resurrection? What if Jesus had died for our sins and stayed dead?

- Why does Paul compare Jesus to Adam? How does the example of Adam help explain why the resurrection of Jesus matters to us?

- Read v. 24-28. Why does it matter that Jesus will hand over his kingdom to God in the end?

3. Going Deeper

- Why did God send Jesus to fulfill the plan the way he did? Why didn't God send a general who would conquer the Romans?

- What does it mean for us to follow a crucified Messiah? How does that change the way we deal with our own enemies and obstacles?

- How does the promise of Resurrection enable us to follow Jesus? How does it help us to make the sacrifices he made?

4. Prayer

- Thank God for the promise of Resurrection through Jesus, and ask him for the courage to follow the example of Jesus.