

2. Plan with co-workers activities to do before and following Easter

- Visit friends and relatives to explain the joyful news of Jesus' resurrection and how to participate in it.
- Help each believer to testify, as Paul did in Acts 22:1-22, how meeting the risen Christ changed Paul.

3. Plan with co-workers special Easter Sunday worship

Select activities that fit current needs and local customs, in any order.

Have the children present the drama, poem and questions that they have prepared.

Review the events leading up to Jesus' resurrection (part 1).

Recount or act out Jesus' resurrection, Luke 24.

Explain why Jesus' resurrection is extremely important.

- God bases our eternal life on one historical fact. Jesus rose from the dead and will raise repentant believers as part of His body, Eph. 2:4-6; 1 Cor. 12:27; & Rom. 6:5-11.
- Jesus' resurrection, like His death, was part of His saving work. His blood bought forgiveness. His resurrection and our participation in it assure eternal life, 1 Cor. 15:17-26.
- After death, we will not be ghosts nor reincarnated. We will rise to eternal life in Christ's glorious presence and see Him face to face. Revelation 22:3-5 & 1 John 3:2.

Explain the great truths found in 1 Corinthians 15 (part 1).

Memorize John 11:25.

To introduce the Lord's Supper, explain that the risen Christ is present as we eat the bread.

Form groups of two and three to encourage one another, to make plans and to pray one for another.

Jesus' Resurrection

Being in the body of the risen Christ ensures eternal life

Those who teach children should read study #65 for children.

Prayer. "Heavenly Father, you sent your Son, Jesus, to die for us. We thank you for giving to us new life through Him, by raising us together with Him. Please use this study to reveal the power and authority of your Son Jesus, which you showed when you raised him from death."

Start several weeks before Easter season to prepare to celebrate Jesus' life-giving resurrection. You should plan special events to help believers to learn the events surrounding Jesus' death and victory over death.

1. Prepare your heart and mind with prayer and the Word of God

Find in the Gospels the events leading up to Jesus' resurrection.

Saturday before Jesus' death — find in John 12:1-11 ...

- What Lazarus' sister Mary did to prepare Jesus for His death.
- **Sunday** before Easter — find in Matt. 21:1-13 ...
- What Zechariah 9: prophesied long before, that Jesus fulfilled in His "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem.
- Whom He drove from the temple.
- **Monday** before Easter — find in Mark 11:15-18 ...
- What Jesus did that moved the religious leaders to try to kill Him.
- **Tuesday** before Easter — find in Mark 11:27-33 ...
- Why religious leaders who challenged Jesus' authority refused to answer His question about John the Baptist.
- **Wednesday** before Easter-find ...
- In Mark 13 : 1-10 & 21-27, what Jesus foretold about His second coming.

- In Mark 13:10, what all nations must hear before Jesus returns in glory.
- In Mark 13:32-33, who knows when Jesus will return.

Thursday before Easter — find in Mark 14:12-72 ...

- The rite that Jesus decreed during Passover.
- His great prayer of submission.
- Why the High Priest tore his robe in fury.
- Who denied Jesus and later wept.

Friday before Easter — find in Mark chapter 15 ...

- Verses 1-11, who was released instead of Jesus.
- Verses 12-20, ways by which the soldiers mocked Jesus.
- Verses 21-39, what the Centurion in charge of executing Jesus finally said about Him.
- Verses 40-47, what they did with Jesus' body.

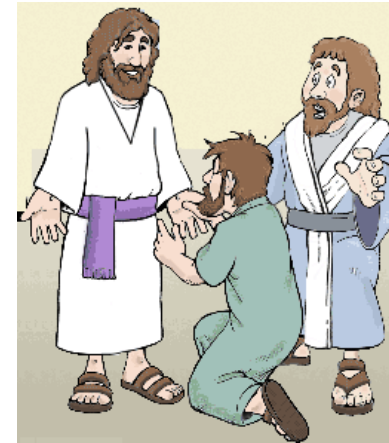
Find in John 5:24-29 who will raise from death both the godly and the ungodly.

Find in Luke chapter 24:

- On what day of the week Jesus rose (verse 1).
- What an angel reminded the disciples, that Jesus had said (2-9)
- What the risen Christ explained that made two travellers' hearts burn (verses 10-35)
- How Jesus proved that He was not a ghost (36-45).
- Of what Jesus told His disciples to be witnesses (46-48).
- **Find** in Acts 1:3 for how many days Jesus appeared to His disciples.
- **Find** in Acts 1:1-9 Jesus' final promise to His disciples.

Find in 1 Corinthians 15 ...

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- Why Jesus is called 'the last Adam' (verses 21-26 and 45-50).
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