

# Jesus' Resurrection Gives Life to Believers

**Anchor command.** "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day." *Luke 24:46*

**Anchor story.** Jesus proves that he is "The Resurrection and the Life" by raising Lazarus from the dead. *John 11:1-53.*

**Anchor verse.** "[God] raised [Jesus] from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places." *Ephesians 1:18-20*

**Learning goal.** Discover what Scripture teaches about Jesus resurrection and what it does for believers.

**Growth goal.** Cling to God's promises that we believers will be raised in Christ, as part of his eternal Body.

**Skill goal.** Tell others about Jesus' resurrection in a convincing way that they can repeat it to others.

**Outcome goal.** Believers are strengthened in their spirit and encouraged, knowing that in Christ they are already risen in God's sight.

Choose any or all of these learning activities.

## Basic Study

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to appreciate how your powerful resurrection assures us of our being raised with you, as part of your eternal Body.

1. **Learn eternal truth from the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, *John 11:1-53.***
  - What message did Mary and her sister Martha of Bethany send to Jesus? Verses 1-3
  - What did Jesus tell his disciples about Lazarus? 11-14
  - What did Jesus promise Martha about her dead brother Lazarus? 21-23
  - What was the assurance that Jesus gave to Martha? 24-27
  - What did Jesus do when they showed him Lazarus' tomb? 31-35
  - What did Jesus do that proved that he had the power to raise the dead? 43-44
2. **During the coming week, visit believers who have recently lost a loved one, or are themselves facing death, and assure them of their resurrection in Christ.**

*Note: believers have already been raised in the sight of God, the eternal I AM. Ephesians 2:6)*
3. **During worship, relate the account of Jesus raising Lazarus, and its assurance for believers, that Christ will also raise us from the dead.**



*After Jesus rose bodily from death back to life, he appeared to hundreds who knew him, proving that it was he and that he was alive.*

#### **Advanced Study**

4. **Learn eternal truths from the accounts of Jesus' resurrection and his assurances of our resurrection.**
  - Find in John 5:25-29 who will be raised from the dead, and two different resurrections.
  - Find in Psalm 16:10 a prophecy of Christ's resurrection.  
(The word *sheol* found in some Bibles means grave or death).
  - Find in 1 Peter 3: 18-21 how Noah's Ark resembled Christ, in whom believers rise from the dead.
  - Find in 1 Corinthians 15...
    - ✓ To how many people did Christ appear after rising from the dead? *Verses 15:3-6*
    - ✓ How did the Apostle Paul describe the contrast between Adam and Jesus? *20-23, 45*
    - ✓ In what ways do our resurrection bodies differ from our earthly bodies? *39-44*
  - Find in Revelation 21:1-6 what it will be like for us in heaven.
  - Find in Revelation 22:1-5 several wondrous things that we will experience in glory.
5. **Plan with your co-workers** additional, optional activities for the upcoming worship.
  - Prepare and act out one of these 5-minute dramas about Jesus' resurrection:
    - <http://biblestoryskits.com/028-jesus-rises-from-the-dead-as-seen-by-angels/>
    - <http://biblestoryskits.com/029-jesus-appears-to-many-after-rising-from-death/>
  - Let the children present what they have prepared.
  - Gather in groups of two or three and pray, praising God for his promise to raise us from the dead to be with Christ forever in glory.
6. **Those who teach children should read study #56c for children.**