

Easter Devotional

Lesson Theme: “Surprise! (Part 2)”

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Memory Verse: Luke 24:6a “*He is not here, but is risen!*”

Teachers/Parents: In our lesson we emphasized how the death, and especially the resurrection of Jesus Christ, were perhaps the greatest “surprises” the world has ever seen. Here we are almost 2000 years later and people all around the world are still celebrating and remembering this wonderful surprise. Can you think of a time someone surprised you with something good? What happened and how did you feel?

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read **Luke 24:1-12** and point out every time someone in the account is surprised. Why were they so surprised?
- 2) Read **Luke 18:31-34**. This was now the third time Jesus has told them that he is going to die and rise again. Why do you think they did not understand?
- 3) Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-2**. The apostle Paul tells the church in Corinth that they have already received the gospel, but yet he is about to declare it to them again. Why do you think he would do this if they already have heard it before?
- 4) In **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**, what does Paul say is primary or of “first importance”?
- 5) The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ not only actually happened in history, but happened “according to the Scriptures”. This means that the Old Testament had predicted and foreshadowed this event. Why is this significant?
- 6) In **1 Corinthians 15:5-6**, Paul mentions others who can testify to the facts of the resurrection event. Contrast this with many other world religions that have one central figure who had a private spiritual experience and then started a religion. How is Christianity’s origin different and also more convincing and amazing?
- 7) Some people may follow Christian teachings, but don’t actually believe Jesus rose from the dead. Read **1 Corinthians 15:14**. What point is Paul making to such people?
- 8) Read **2 Corinthians 5:15**. What does this verse say about how Christians should live because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? How can you live for Jesus Christ this week?