

He Is Risen!

I have good news. We serve a risen Savior. Not only is He risen, but He is reigning as well, seated at the right hand of the Father. What a wonder it would be to walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus after his resurrection when "beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." (Luke 24:37). Would that awareness - realizing God's plan to send his Son to redeem His people - have helped his people during the time of the judges? Would they have stayed close to God instead of choosing sin, wickedness and turning to other gods? The people needed someone to turn their hearts back to God, to lead them in wisdom. Even more than that, the people needed someone to make them right with God. Only Jesus could do that. Only the perfect life of Jesus, his obedience to the point of death on a cross, and his resurrection from the dead could do that for us. Praise God!! Jesus is alive!!

Week 15

Bible Reading Plan

Judges 7-8; Luke 22

Judges 9-11; Psalm 17; Luke 23

Judges 12-16; Psalm 146; Luke 24

Judges 17-18; Psalm 21; Acts 1

Judges 19-21; Acts 2

Weekly Questions

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Application Questions

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. When are you most likely to forget the Lord? Is it during times of trouble or times of peace? How can you protect against this?

2. Have you found yourself trapped in a cycle of sin like Israel? What will it take to break the cycle? What are you willing to do? What are you willing to let God do?
3. Is there anything in the activity of the early church in Acts that challenges you? Is there something missing from your walk with the Lord and other believers?
4. Several times after his resurrection, Jesus spent time teaching the Scriptures. Does your life reflect the same urgency to know and understand God's word? How can you continue to grow in this?
5. Why is it so tempting to do what is right in our own eyes? How can you keep your eyes focused on the Lord?

Final Thought

Jesus knew. He knew what our sin would cost him, yet he did not turn away from the cross. He gave his life so that we could be right with God. It is finished! That is good news.