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Family Devotional

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You
established the earth, and it abides.—Psalm 119:89–90



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Final Passover and Betrayal

Lesson Summary

This week we looked at the last Passover meal that Jesus shared with His apostles on the night before He was arrested. The blessing and eating together of this meal pointed to the suffering He was about to endure on the Cross.

That night Jesus had many things to share with His followers. John 13–17 records these final words of Jesus before He would go to the Cross. We want to take these next two weeks to look at this important passage of Scripture.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

John 13:1–17

1. What did Jesus know, and how did this allow Him to love and serve His disciples in this way (vv. 1–4)?
2. Who inspired Judas to betray Jesus (v. 2)?
3. What did Jesus do for His disciples? Why did Peter respond the way He did?
4. What lesson did Jesus want to teach to His disciples by washing their feet (vv. 12–17)?

John 13:18–30

5. What was going to happen that would fulfill the Scripture (v. 18)?
6. How did Jesus identify His betrayer (vv. 23–26)?
7. Who was behind Judas's actions (v. 27)?

John 13:31–38

8. Where was Jesus going to go?

9. What was Jesus's command to His disciples? What would be the result of them obeying the command (vv. 34–35)?

10. What was Peter's boast, and how did Jesus respond?

John 14:1–14

11. What did Jesus promise in verses 1–3?

12. What claim did Jesus make in verse 6?

13. What is the relationship between Jesus and the Father (vv. 7–11)?

14. What does Jesus promise in verses 13–14?

John 14:15–31

15. What do we do if we love Jesus? And what does Jesus promise for those who love Him (vv. 15, 21)?

16. What is the role of the Holy Spirit, the Helper, according to this passage?

17. What kind of peace does Jesus give His people (v. 27)?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Matthew 28:18–20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Prayer

Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for sin. Ask Him to help you serve others as Jesus served His disciples and to abide in Him and rest in His peace.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



2

God's Plan Unfolds

Lesson Summary

The events leading up to the Cross were unfolding according to God's plan. The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus dead for blasphemy—for claiming to be the Messiah, the Son of God. They tried Him and brought Him to Pilate who also questioned Him. Throughout all, Jesus remained obedient and trusted the Father's will.

This week we are going to continue to look at what Jesus shared with His disciples just hours before His arrest and trial. John 13–17 records these final words of Jesus.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

John 15:1-17

1. In this metaphor, identify the vine, the branches, and the vinedresser.
2. What does it mean to “abide” in Christ? What are the results of doing so? What are the results of not abiding in Christ?
3. What is Christ’s commandment?
4. What kind of fruit does He want us to bear?

John 15:18-25

5. Why does the world hate Jesus? Why does the world hate His followers?

John 15:26–16:15

6. What are the functions and roles of the Holy Spirit, the Helper, according to this passage?
7. Why will persecution come upon Jesus's followers?

John 16:16–33

8. What did Jesus mean when He said, "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father"?
9. What does Jesus promise in verses 23–24?

John 17:1–26

10. What is eternal life, and to whom does Jesus give it?

11. What do we learn about Jesus from verse 5?

12. How had Jesus's disciples responded to His words (vv. 6–8)?

13. List the things that Jesus prayed for His disciples in verses 11–26.

14. Was He only praying for those who were with Him on that night (see v. 20)?

15. How are we sanctified according to verse 17?

16. What would be the result of unity among Jesus's followers (vv. 20–23)?

Memory Verse

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Prayer

Praise God for sending Jesus to walk the earth and show us the character of God Himself. Thank Him for the richness of His Word. Ask Him to sanctify you as you spend time in His Word.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



3

Peter's Denial

Lesson Summary

The night Jesus was arrested, Peter followed behind Jesus and the guards to see what would happen. As Peter waited in the courtyard, he was recognized as one of Jesus's disciples. Peter denied knowing Jesus three times in a row that evening because he was afraid. When he realized what he had done, he wept and was sorry. Later, after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter, and Peter was able to tell his Lord that he loved Him! Three times Jesus asked if Peter loved Him. Three times Peter answered yes! Jesus forgave Peter and commissioned him as a leader in the church.

This week, we are going to look at the great forgiveness offered to us in the gospel. Even when we stumble and fall, like Peter did, God is there waiting to restore us back to fellowship with Him.

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

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Prayer

Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus, as Savior and Redeemer. Thank Him for providing a sacrifice for sin. Praise Him that He is a God of mercy and grace, offering total forgiveness through the death and Resurrection of Jesus. Ask Him for boldness to share this good news with others.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



4

The Crucifixion

Lesson Summary

Jesus was beaten and mocked. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head, and He was told to carry His cross to Golgotha. Nailed to the Cross, Jesus suffered the Father's wrath and paid the penalty for the sin that was laid upon Jesus. Knowing that He had completed the task the Father had sent Him to do, Jesus said, "It is finished," and died.

This week we'll look at what God's Word has to say about the significance of the death of Jesus.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Romans 3:21–26

1. What has been revealed to all and on all who believe?
2. How are we freely justified?
3. What do the words *redemption* and *propitiation* mean?
4. How, in the death of Christ, is God shown to be both just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus?

Romans 5:6–11

5. For whom did Christ die? What does this demonstrate?
6. What do the words *justified* and *reconciled* mean? How are we justified and reconciled?

Hebrews 9:24–28

7. How is Jesus's sacrifice different from the sacrifices of the high priest in the temple?

8. What did Jesus put away by His death?

9. Why was Christ offered? How will His second coming be different from His first coming?

Colossians 1:19–23, 2:13–15

10. What dwelt fully in Jesus?

11. What has Christ reconciled to Himself?

12. What is the goal of our reconciliation through Christ's death?

13. What have we been forgiven in Christ?

14. What happened to the written “handwriting of requirements” that was against us?

15. What happened to the “principalities and powers” because of Christ’s death on the Cross?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

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Prayer

Thank God that Jesus was obedient to the point of death. Praise God for the salvation Jesus secured on the Cross. Ask Him for compassion for those who are outside of Christ, that you may have boldness in sharing the hope of the gospel with them.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



5

The Resurrection

Lesson Summary

Jesus died on the Cross, paying the punishment for sin. He was buried, but He didn't stay in the tomb. A number of women went to Jesus's tomb early on Sunday morning. They found the stone to the tomb rolled away, the tomb empty, and an angel of the Lord there. The angel told them Jesus was risen from the dead! On their way to tell the disciples the good news, they saw Jesus and worshipped Him.

Jesus's Resurrection from the dead is important because it provides an inheritance for believers—a living hope of eternal life with God. This week we'll examine the accounts of Jesus's Resurrection in the Gospels.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Matthew 28:1–20

1. Why did the women go to the tomb?
2. What message did the angel give the women? What did the women do?
3. What story did the chief priests and elders invent to explain away the empty tomb?
4. What was Jesus's last command to His disciples before He went back to heaven?

Mark 16:1–20

5. According to Mark, who came to the tomb early on Sunday morning?
6. How do the details in Mark differ from those in Matthew?

7. What was the initial reaction of Jesus's disciples to the news of the Resurrection?
8. What was Jesus's final command to His disciples?

Luke 24:1–53

9. How are the details in verses 1–12 different from Mark's and Matthew's accounts?
10. What happened on the road to Emmaus?
11. How did Jesus's disciples react when He stood in their midst (vv. 36–43)?
12. How are verses 46–53 similar to Matthew 28:18–20?

John 20:1–31

13. How do the details in verses 1–18 compare with the other accounts you have read?

14. How did Thomas react to the risen Lord (vv. 24–28)?

15. Why did John write his Gospel (vv. 31–31)?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

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Prayer

Praise God for the perfect life, atoning death, and powerful Resurrection of Jesus. Ask Him to make you bold in your witness, to not be afraid to tell others about Him and His offer of eternal life.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



6

The Great Commission

Lesson Summary

Jesus's last command to His followers was that they preach the gospel and make disciples of all nations. All believers share in that same responsibility and are called to go to all nations with the gospel of truth. This is important because the gospel is the good news, and it alone can bring eternal life.

In order to make disciples, we need to know what one looks like. This week we'll be looking at what Jesus said about being His disciple.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they teach us about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

- Matthew 16:24–28 –

- Mark 1:16–20 –

- Mark 8:34–38 –

- Luke 6:20–26 –

- Luke 14:25–33 –

- Luke 22:24–27 –

- John 8:31–36 –

• John 13:1–16 –

• John 15:1–21 –

Memory Verse

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Prayer

Thank God for the truth of His Word. Ask Him to strengthen you by grace so that you may become a devoted disciple of Jesus. Ask Him to continue to reveal to you what it means to follow Him.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



7

Resurrection Theories

Lesson Summary

This week, the younger grades had a review lesson. The older students looked at various attempts by skeptics to explain away the Resurrection of Christ.

We can have assurance that Jesus is risen and has conquered death because God has revealed it to us in His Word. We have no reason to doubt that truth, and the skeptics have no real reason to reject it either. Sure, it is a miracle. Sure, we must receive it by faith. But it is not a blind faith. Rather, it is a faith that is firmly rooted in God's character and His revelation to us.

This week we will be examining the importance of the Resurrection of Jesus as the Apostle Paul laid it out in 1 Corinthians 15.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

1. What about Christ is “of first importance”?
2. What are the basic facts of the gospel according to verses 3–5?
3. Why does Paul stress Christ’s appearances (vv. 5–8)?
4. How did Paul compare his work to that of other apostles?
5. What did Paul attribute his life and labor to?

1 Corinthians 15:12–34

6. What false teaching was being spread among the Corinthians?

7. What are the implications if Christ was NOT raised from the dead?

8. What are the implications if Christ WAS raised from the dead?

9. In verses 21–22, what occurred “in Adam,” and what has occurred “in Christ”?

10. What is the order of events described in verses 23–28?

1 Corinthians 15:35–58

11. What three analogies does Paul use in discussing the nature of resurrection (vv. 36–41)? What do these analogies teach us about our resurrected bodies?

12. Explain the connection between sin and death and between sin and the Law.

13. What will happen when the trumpet sounds (vv. 51–55)?

14. What motivates you to push on with the Christian life?

Memory Verse

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8

The Promised Helper Comes

Lesson Summary

This week we looked at the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples while they were waiting in Jerusalem. They were transformed and empowered by Him.

Believers today receive the seal of the Holy Spirit when they are saved. The fruit of the Spirit is evidence that the believer is a new creation in Christ.

This week we are going to see what the Scriptures say about the Person, role, work, and attributes of the Holy Spirit.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss what they tell us about the Person, work, role, and attributes of the Holy Spirit.

- Genesis 1:1–2 –
- Nehemiah 9:30 –
- Psalm 139:7 –
- Isaiah 11:1–2 –
- Ezekiel 36:26–27 –
- Zechariah 7:12 –
- Matthew 1:18–20 –
- Matthew 3:16–17 –
- Matthew 28:19 –
- John 7:37–39 –
- John 14:15–17 –
- John 16:13–15 –

- Acts 5:1–11 –
- Acts 9:31 –
- Acts 13:2 –
- Acts 16:6 –
- Acts 20:28 –
- Romans 5:5 –
- Romans 8:9–17 –
- Romans 8:26–27 –
- Romans 14:17 –
- 1 Corinthians 6:18–20 –
- 1 Corinthians 2:10–16 –
- 1 Corinthians 12:1–7
- 2 Corinthians 13:14 –
- Galatians 5:22–23 –

- Ephesians 1:13 –
- Ephesians 4:30 –
- 2 Peter 1:21–22 –

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

Romans 1:16–17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Prayer

Thank God for sending His Holy Spirit on the believers at Pentecost. Thank Him that all believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Ask Him to help you walk daily in the Spirit, exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit to the glory of God.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



9

The Apostles Are Persecuted

Lesson Summary

The book of Acts details the life and ministry of the early church. Soon after Pentecost, the apostles began to experience persecution because they preached the truth in the name of Jesus Christ. They were able to stand firm and even rejoice in their sufferings because they were empowered with the promised Holy Spirit.

As we go through these next several lessons from the book of Acts, in order to fill in some gaps and get a fuller understanding of how God worked in the early church, we'll look at chapters in our devotionals that we skipped in the lessons.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Acts 3:1–26

1. What happened when Peter and John were at the Temple?
2. What did they say to the lame man?
3. How did the people respond to the miracle?
4. What did Peter do when he saw a crowd assemble?
5. To what did Peter credit the miracle?
6. Who was Peter's audience, and how did he preach in order to connect with them?

Acts 5:1–42

7. What sin did Ananias and Sapphira commit?

8. What happened to Ananias and his wife?

9. How did the church respond to these events?

10. What was God doing through the apostles (vv. 12–16)?

11. What was the response of the people?

12. What was the response of the Sadducees?

13. How were the apostles freed from prison? What did they do after their release?

14. How did Peter and the other apostles respond to the high priest (vv. 29–32)?

15. What was Gamaliel's advice to the council?

16. How did the apostles respond to being beaten and to being commanded to no longer speak in the name of Jesus?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

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Prayer

Thank God for the example of the apostles as they preached with boldness and were not intimidated with threats and beatings. Ask God for the same kind of boldness. Ask Him for opportunities to speak with others of the life-changing gospel of Christ.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



10

The Gospel Spreads

Lesson Summary

The followers of Jesus were being persecuted in Jerusalem for their faith and belief in Jesus Christ. However, God used it for good. The Christians were scattered as they left their homes to avoid the persecution. And as they moved, the gospel moved with them and spread quickly. As we saw in our lesson this week, God used Philip in a special way. Philip preached to the Samaritans who received the word gladly. Then he was sent to an Ethiopian official who also believed, was baptized, and likely took the gospel back to Ethiopia.

This week we will look at more portions of the book of Acts that we did not have time to cover in class. We'll see how God continued to move through the apostles as the gospel continued to spread around the world.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Acts 6:1-7

1. What complaint arose against the Hebrews by the Hellenists?
2. What did the twelve apostles do about it? Why didn't they take care of it personally?
3. What was the criteria for those who were selected to take care of the business?

Acts 6:8-7:60

4. What lies were spoken about Stephen?
5. Why do you think Stephen recounted the history of Israel up to the time of Solomon?

6. What charge did Stephen make against the religious leaders (vv. 51–53)?

7. How did Stephen’s audience respond to his speech?

8. What did Stephen see as he looked up (vv. 55–56)?

9. How did Stephen respond to his persecutors?

Acts 8:9–25

10. Who was Simon, and what was his reputation?

11. What did the sorcerer Simon want to buy?

12. How did Peter respond to Simon?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

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Prayer

Praise God that He does not change. Thank Him that even today He changes lives and heals people. Ask Him for boldness to share the gospel with your family and friends. Implore Him to soften the hearts of those who hear the gospel.

FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS:



11

Saul Is Converted

Lesson Summary

Saul was a Pharisee who persecuted the church of God. He was on his way to Damascus to arrest Christians when he had an encounter with the risen Jesus. Jesus appeared to Saul in a bright light. When confronted with the truth of who Jesus is, Saul became a believer. His life changed from a persecutor to a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and he endured many trials for preaching truth by the grace of God.

This week we'll look at the early ministry of the Apostle Paul, and more of Peter's ministry, as recorded in the book of Acts.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Acts 9:20–43

1. How was Paul dramatically changed?
2. How did the Jews respond to Paul's preaching?
3. How did the disciples in Jerusalem initially treat Paul when he arrived?
4. How did Barnabas intercede for Paul?
5. What was the response to Peter healing a lame man in Lydda and Sharon (vv. 32–34)?
6. What was Tabitha (Dorcas) known for? What happened to her, and how did Peter intercede? What was the response of those living in Joppa?

1 Timothy 1:12–17

7. How did Paul describe himself before he came to faith in Christ?
8. To what did Paul attribute his salvation?
9. What is one reason Paul gave for why he obtained mercy?

1 Corinthians 15:7–10

10. How does Paul describe himself? Why did he consider himself the least of the apostles?
11. To what does Paul attribute his salvation?

Memory Verse

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12

The Gospel Goes to the Gentiles

Lesson Summary

Peter's vision from God taught him that salvation through Jesus Christ isn't just for the Jews but for everyone who comes to Him in faith. When he was called to Cornelius's home, Peter explained the gospel to the Gentiles. All those who heard the truth believed and were baptized.

As we have done in the past several lessons, this week we will explore more of the book of Acts, focusing on passages that we were not able to cover in class.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

Acts 11:1–18

1. How did those of the circumcision respond to the news that Peter had gone to Cornelius's home?
2. How did Peter reply to them?
3. After his explanation of all that had happened, what was the response?

Acts 11:19–30

4. What happened as some men preached to the Hellenists?
5. Why was Barnabas sent to Antioch?

6. What did he find there, and how did he encourage these new believers?

7. How is Barnabas described (v. 24)?

8. What is notable about the city of Antioch?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

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13

Review

Lesson Summary

This week is a review week. We have covered so much this past quarter! We looked at the last week of Jesus's life—His betrayal, trials, Crucifixion, burial, and Resurrection. Then we followed the events in the book of Acts as the disciples began to follow Jesus's final instructions to make disciples of all nations.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples witnessed with boldness, suffered persecution and martyrdom, and saw the church grow rapidly as the good news of salvation came to more and more people.

This week we want to praise God for His goodness. We'll do that by reading the final six psalms in the book of Psalms that extol our great God.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and write your observations and reflections in the spaces below.

Psalm 145

Psalm 146

Psalm 147

Psalm 148

Psalm 149

Psalm 150

