



# THE HOPE WE LONG FOR

(1 PETER 1:3-5)

## BIG IDEA

We place our hope for love, security and peace in people, careers, money, sex and relationships. Yet, only one thing can bring us the hope we long for.

## CONTEXT

Life can be dark and foreboding, and we often search for a sign of hope, a light at the end of the proverbial tunnel. As Christians the hope that God is in control and will triumph in any situation is grounded in Jesus' resurrection. At this moment we see that death is conquered, our forgiveness and standing before God verified and there is no obstacle, trial or difficulty that can overwhelm our God. As Peter is talking to the Church he reminds Christians that the cross is the anchor of their hope.

## MEMORY VERSE

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

(1 Corinthians 15:57-58 ESV)

## PRAYER THIS WEEK

- Pray that God will ground you the living hope that Jesus conquered over death.
- Pray that God will remind you that your security and standing is completely secure.
- Pray that God will help you boldly proclaim the gospel to your family and neighbors as you live out this hope

## SUNDAY – JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

Read Peter 1:3-5. What stands out to you about this passage and from last night's message? Take a moment to reflect on church last night. Pray that the Holy Spirit will remind you your hope; your security is solid as your Salvation is fully founded and was completely secured at the Jesus' resurrection 2,000 years ago.

## MONDAY – JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

Read Peter 1:3-5

- What is the living hope into which we are born?
- Why is the resurrection so significant with regard to our hope in Jesus?
- What does it look like for hope to transform the way you live?

## TUESDAY – JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

Read Peter 1:3-5

- What is an inheritance? What inheritance was secured for us by Jesus' death and resurrection?
- How does Peter describe our inheritance?
- What is the significance of the words "imperishable," "undefiled," and "unfading"?

## **WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Read Peter 1:3-5

- What situation in your life currently or in the past shook your ability to have hope?
- During this time what have you believed about who God is?
- During this time what have you believed about how God views you?
- How does the resurrection, Jesus' complete triumph over death and your sins, remind you about who God is and how He views you?

## **THURSDAY – JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Read Peter 1:3-5

- As we see our hope is tied to Jesus' death and resurrection, why is it important to be constantly reminded of these things?
- How does this hope shape the way you view and experience God?
- How can you live out this hope as a testament to the resurrection for your family?
- How can you live out this hope as a testament to the resurrection for your neighbors?
- How can you live out this hope as a testament to the resurrection for your co-workers?

## **FRIDAY – JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Use Friday as a catch up day

## **SATURDAY – JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Read through 1 Peter 1:1-13 in preparation for tonight. There are many trials that we will experience in our lives. Pray you and your fellow Revolutionaries would be reminded tonight of God's power to keep us during the difficult times, and that we would find joy in knowing his love for us.



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## FAMILY DINNER BIBLE STUDY

### SUNDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Word of the Day: Cross

In this week's reading of 1 Peter 1:3–9, Peter focuses on the fact that Jesus died for our sins and conquered sin and death through his resurrection. So, this week we will focus on Jesus Christ's resurrection from death and examine a different reason each day why we believe in Jesus' resurrection. Today we will look at the facts surrounding Jesus' death and burial by discussing the following questions:

**1. What is a cross?**

It is where they would kill people in the days of Jesus by nailing them through the hands and feet.

**2. Why was Jesus crucified?**

He did not ever sin, but he died in our place for our sins so that we could be forgiven.

**3. Did people know Jesus was going to die and resurrect?**

Yes, seven hundred years before Jesus was even born, God promised in Isaiah 53:8–12 that Jesus would die and rise. Jesus also promised that he would be crucified, die, and then resurrect in Matthew 12:38–40; Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33–34; and John 2:18–22 (You can look up and read these verses so that the children get an example of God's foreknowledge, which we discussed the previous week.).

**4. Did Jesus really die on the cross?**

Yes. Prior to his crucifixion, Jesus had not slept all night, was beaten, and then was scourged, which killed many men in and of itself. Then he was crucified with nails in his hands and feet. He was declared dead by an executioner, and a spear was run through his side, which pierced his heart sac. He was buried like a mummy in upwards of a hundred pounds of linens and spices, and then placed in a cold tomb cut out of rock without medical attention, food, or water. So, Jesus really did die on the cross.

**5. Was Jesus' tomb easy to find?**

Yes. Jesus was poor and did not own a tomb because he could not afford one. So, after he died, a powerful and rich man named Joseph of Arimathea let Jesus be buried in his personal tomb in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 53:9, which promised Jesus would be buried "with a rich man in his death." A large stone was rolled over the tomb to ensure the body of Jesus was not stolen, the government's seal was placed on the stone to keep people out, and soldiers were placed on duty to guard Jesus' tomb. So, lots of people knew where Jesus was buried.

**6. Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross? Why or why not?**

## MONDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Word of the Day: Communion

Communion is how Christians remember that Jesus' body was broken and blood was shed on the cross in our place for our sins. The bread of communion reminds us of Jesus' broken body for our sins, and the drink of communion reminds us of Jesus' shed blood for our sins on the cross. This is a good day for parents to decide if their children have come to personal faith in Jesus and are ready to partake of communion in church on Sundays, if they are not already. The following questions will help you open a discussion with your children about communion:

**1. What is communion?**

It is eating bread and drinking wine or juice, depending upon age and conscience.

**2. What does the bread of communion represent?**

Jesus' body broken on the cross for our sins.

**3. What does the drink of communion represent?**

Jesus' blood shed on the cross for our sins.

**4. Would people have started taking communion as Christians if Jesus had not resurrected?**

No. People would not have done this kind of sacred thing if Jesus was still dead and did not forgive their sins through his resurrection.

**5. Can non-Christians take communion?**

No. Communion is only for Christians.

**6. What should a Christian do before they take communion?**

They should spend some time in prayer confessing their sins to God and asking to be forgiven because of Jesus.

**7. Do you take communion? Why or why not?**

## TUESDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Word of the Day: Resurrection

Today we examine the resurrection of Jesus. By resurrection, we mean that Jesus physically died and three days later his body rose from death in victory over sin and death. The following questions will help you discuss why Christians believe in Jesus' resurrection with your children:

**1. What is resurrection?**

Resurrection is when a dead person's body comes back to life.

**2. How do we know Jesus' body resurrected from death?**

The following are some examples of answers: Following Jesus' resurrection, many people touched his physical body: his disciples clung to his feet (Matt. 28:9), Mary clung to him (John 20:17), and Thomas the doubter put his hand into the open spear hole in Jesus' side (John 20:20–28). Jesus also appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, but they were uncertain if he had truly physically risen from death. But Jesus was emphatic about his bodily resurrection and went out of his way to prove it (Luke 24:36–43).

**3. How many people saw Jesus after his resurrection?**

Jesus appeared to people for forty days to crowds as large as five hundred people after his resurrection and before he returned to heaven (Acts 1:1–2; 1 Cor. 15:1–8).

**4. Did people keep visiting Jesus' grave after he resurrected?**

No, people did not visit Jesus' grave after he resurrected because he was not there anymore.

**5. Do you believe Jesus resurrected from death? Why or why not?**

## WEDNESDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Word of the Day: Christianity

Christianity is the religion that worships Jesus as the only God because he died for our sins and resurrected from death. Today, a few billion people on the earth claim to be Christians who believe Jesus rose from death. The following questions help to explain how Jesus' resurrection caused the growth of Christianity:

**1. What is Christianity?**

Christianity is the people who worship Jesus as God because he rose from death.

**2. How did Jesus' resurrection change people?**

Before Jesus' resurrection, his disciples were timid and fearful, even hiding when Jesus appeared to them (John 20:19). Following Jesus' resurrection, the disciples were very bold for Jesus and even suffered and died without fear because they knew he was God and even if they died they would be with him. If Jesus had not resurrected, the disciples would not have boldly preached about Jesus, or suffered courageously.

**3. Would the disciples have lied about Jesus' resurrection?**

No. They suffered and died because they believed Jesus rose. They would not have suffered and died for a lie. Plus, the disciples were honest men who lived good lives and were not the kind of men who tell lies about God.

**4. Would Christianity exist if Jesus had not resurrected?**

No. If Jesus had not risen from death, people would not have been so devoted to him for Christianity to spread around the world. Today more people worship Jesus as God than anyone else.

**5. What do you think it means to be a Christian?**

You love Jesus as God.

**6. Are you a Christian? Why or why not?**

### being weird together – FAMILY ACTIVITY

As a family, celebrate in communion together. If any of your members of your family have yet to make a decision to follow Jesus, invite them to watch and ask questions if they have any.

STEP 1: Read through Luke 22:19-20.

STEP 2: Lead your children by humbly asking forgiveness for sin you have committed against the family.

STEP 3: Dig deeper as a family, lead by asking: "Have I done anything this past week that has offended you, wounded you, or hurt you?"

STEP 4: Re-read Luke 22:19-20 and remind that you are fully forgiven by what Jesus has done on the cross.

STEP 5: For those of your family who are Christians, take part in communion.

## THURSDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Word of the Day: Worship

Worship is living our whole life for someone or something. Everyone worships someone or something. Christians worship Jesus as God because he died for their sins and resurrected from death. The earliest Christians started worshipping Jesus as God because of his resurrection and the following questions will help you discuss with your children why you worship Jesus:

**1. What is worship?** Living your life for someone or something that is most important to you.

2. **On which day did people worship before and after Jesus resurrected?**  
The early Christians stopped worshiping on Saturday, as Jews had for thousands of years, and suddenly began worshiping on Sunday in memory of Jesus' Sunday resurrection. The Sabbath was so sacred to the Jews that they would not have ceased to obey one of the Ten Commandments unless Jesus had resurrected in fulfillment of their Old Testament Scriptures.
3. **Why did people start worshiping Jesus as God after he rose from death?**  
One of the Ten Commandments is that we should worship God alone. After Jesus resurrected, people began worshiping him as God because he was and is God.
4. **Would people have worshiped Jesus as God if he did not resurrect from death?**  
No. He would have been just another person who lived a good life but no one would have thought he was God.
5. **Who started worshiping Jesus as God after he resurrected?**  
People who worshiped the risen Jesus as God included his half-brother James (1 Cor. 15:7), Jesus' other half-brother Jude (Acts 1:14; Jude 1), and Jesus' mother Mary (Acts 1:14). Because they were all Jews, they would not have worshiped Jesus as God unless he had resurrected. Even one of Jesus' most bitter enemies, Paul, stopped killing Christians and started worshiping Jesus and became a pastor because Jesus resurrected (Acts 7:54–60; Acts 9; 1 Cor. 15:1–9; Phil. 3:4–6).
6. **How can we worship Jesus as God?**  
Examples include believing in Jesus, confessing our sins, obeying God, serving and loving people, singing songs, being involved in church, etc.
7. **Do you worship Jesus? Why or why not?**

## FRIDAY

Bible Reading This Week: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Word of the Day: Baptism

Baptism is when a Christian is dunked under water and brought back up out of the water. Jesus was baptized by his cousin, John the Baptizer. Christians are baptized to identify themselves with Jesus. They are baptized to show that Jesus was buried under the ground like they are dunked under the water, and then he resurrected like they are pulled out of the water to cleanse them from sin like water cleanses us from dirt. This is a good day for Christian parents who have not been baptized to sign up to be baptized at church, and for parents with children who have not been baptized to see if they have come to faith in Jesus and are ready to be baptized. The following questions should help:

1. **What is baptism?**  
It is a Christian being dunked under the water and then brought back up to show that Jesus was buried and resurrected for them.
2. **Would people have been baptized if Jesus did not resurrect?**  
No. Because baptism shows Jesus' resurrection, it would have not made any sense to baptize people if Jesus did not rise from death.
3. **Who can be baptized?**  
Any Christian who loves Jesus as God.
4. **For the parents, have you been baptized?**  
If so, please explain why you were baptized and what it was like to your children.
5. **Are you a Christian who loves Jesus as God?**
6. **If you have not been baptized, do you want to be baptized? Why or why not? Or, if you were baptized, why were you baptized?**

## SATURDAY

Bible Reading This Week: I Peter 1:3–9

Word of the Day: Gospel

Today concludes our weeklong study of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from death. Because this is such an enormous truth, we will spend today reviewing what we have learned this week to ensure that the children understand and believe in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus in our place for our sin is called the gospel. Gospel means "good news." The following questions are intended to help you discuss the gospel with your children:

**1. What is the word gospel mean?**

Good news.

**2. What is the gospel?**

Jesus is our God who lived without sin, died on a cross for our sins, was buried, and resurrected three days later.

**3. Why was Jesus crucified?**

He did not ever sin, but he died in our place for our sins so that we could be forgiven.

**4. How do we know that Jesus really did die on the cross?**

Prior to his crucifixion, Jesus had not slept all night, was beaten, and then was scourged, which killed many men in and of itself. Then he was crucified with nails in his hands and feet. He was declared dead by an executioner, and a spear was run through his side, which pierced his heart sac. He was buried like a mummy in upwards of a hundred pounds of linens and spices, and then placed in a cold tomb cut out of rock without medical attention, food, or water. So, Jesus really did die on the cross.

**5. Where was Jesus buried?**

In a rich man's tomb that was sealed by the government and protected by soldiers.

**6. How does communion show us Jesus' death?**

The bread reminds us of Jesus' body broken on the cross for our sins, and the drink reminds us of Jesus' blood shed on the cross for our sins.

**7. What happened to Jesus' body three days after he died?**

He resurrected from death.

**8. How does baptism show Jesus' resurrection?**

When a Christian goes under the water and comes back up, they show how Jesus was buried and resurrected.

**9. Why do we worship Jesus?**

Because he is God and saves us from Satan, sin, and death.

**10. What happens to a Christian when they die?**

Their spirit (the non-physical part of their being) goes to be with Jesus. One day, their spirit will go back into their body and they will resurrect like Jesus did to live in heaven forever.