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Preface

When S.G. De Graaf wrote his four-volume series, *Promise and Deliverance*, he showed educators how to teach Bible stories from a redemptive-historical perspective. Rather than turning Bible stories into moralistic tales, De Graaf taught us how all the Bible shows God revealing himself as the God of the covenant, who is working out His redemptive plan for humanity and all of creation.

The 80 workbooks written by Harvey De Groot are meant to supplement De Graaf's work. They are divided by volume and level number: 20 volumes with four levels per volume. Workbook lessons are written at four levels so that families with students in various grades can study the same Bible stories during the week in preparation for their classes on Sunday. Prior to class, the Sunday School teacher should study the lesson in De Graaf's book. The teacher and students can go through the workbook during class.

The levels are divided according to the following grades:

- **Level One:** Grades K-1
- **Level Two:** Grades 2-3
- **Level Three:** Grades 4-6
- **Level Four:** Grades 7-8

Each volume contains 12 or 13 lessons, and each lesson has the following sections:

- **Reference:** The volume and lesson number in De Graaf's series.
- **Scripture:** The passage from Scripture on which the lesson is based.
- **Memory Verse:** A memory verse related to the lesson.
- **Lesson Truth:** A short statement to help the class focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Lesson:** The lesson itself, which the teacher can read in class. For older grades, the teacher may opt to assign it as homework.
- **Questions:** Items to be discussed in class. For older grades, the teacher can assign these questions as homework but should also use them as a basis for class discussion. These are not the only questions that could or should be asked. Teachers should encourage students to come with their own questions as well.

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Lesson 1
Life's Joy

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 10

Scripture: John 7

Memory Verse: “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.” (John 7:37b)

Lesson Truth: Jesus gave us life's true joy. He promised that rivers of living water would flow from believer's hearts.

Lesson

Joy in life comes from the Lord Jesus. He talked about this joy at the Feast of Tabernacles. At that feast a priest would pour water on the altar. This water was from the pool of Siloam. The water was poured to help the people remember. They remembered that God made water come from a rock in the desert. At this feast Jesus said that He would give rivers of living water. He would give this to those who believe in Him. The living water that Jesus talked about was the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would satisfy the people's thirst for God. To have their thirst for God satisfied was true joy.

This story took place in Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles. The Lord's brothers were going to this feast. They wanted Jesus to go and show the people His miracles. His brothers did not believe that Jesus was the Redeemer. At first Jesus told His brothers that He would not go to the feast. He would not go because it was not the time for Him to suffer and die. He knew that the Jews in Judea wanted to kill Him. That is why He said, “My time has not yet fully come” (John 7:8b).

Later Jesus went to the feast. He went in secret. At the feast the people were divided. Some loved Jesus, and others hated Him. Some of the people said that Jesus was good. Others said that He deceived the people. In the middle of the feast, Jesus went to the temple. He taught the truth of the Bible. Jesus said that this was the truth that God gave Him. Some of the people said that he was the Christ. Others said that He could not

be the Christ because He was from Galilee. They did not believe the Redeemer could come from Galilee. At this time the people followed one rule. That rule was to love Jesus or to hate Him. Still, no one dared to touch Him. They didn't touch Him because His time had not come. Each day of the feast the priest would pour out water. This would help the people remember the water God gave them in the desert.

On the last day of the feast, the priest poured out the water. Then Jesus cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink" (John 7:37b). Jesus would provide water that would last forever. He said, "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). This was the way that Jesus promised the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be like a stream of living water. This stream will flow from the hearts of believers. That is the joy of life that Jesus came to give!

Sadly, the Jewish leaders rejected Jesus. They thought that they did not need a Savior. They believed that they could save themselves. They thought they could save themselves by keeping the Law. Still one of the leaders was different. He was Nicodemus. The Lord opened the heart of Nicodemus. He asked the leaders a question. He asked if the Law judged a man before it heard him. Then the other leaders asked Nicodemus if he was from Galilee. Nicodemus would come to know life's true joy. But the time of grace for those who rejected Jesus was running out. Do you know life's true joy? Do streams of living water flow from your heart? They do if the Holy Spirit lives in your heart!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The Lord's (disciples – brothers) wanted Him to go to the feast to show His miracles.
2. Jesus said that He (would – would not) go to the feast because it was not time for Him to suffer and die for the sins of the people.

3. At the feast the people were (divided – united) about Jesus.

4. Jesus cried out, “If anyone is (hungry – thirsty) let him come to Me and drink.”

5. Nicodemus was the Jewish leader who (came to know – rejected) life’s joy.

Come to Save

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 11

Scripture: John 8

Memory Verse: “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

Lesson Truth: Jesus came to save sinners.

Lesson

The story today tells us why Jesus came to earth. He came to save sinners. Jesus showed that strict rules would not save. God’s grace saves believers. Jesus made it clear that everyone needs God’s grace. No one is without sin. But Jesus can make us free.

It was the day after the Feast of Tabernacles. Early in the morning Jesus went to the temple. Many people came to hear Him teach. Suddenly some scribes and Pharisees rushed in. They brought a woman to Jesus. They told Jesus that this woman was very bad. These leaders caught her doing bad things. The things she did were against the Law of Moses. The Law said that such a woman should be put to death. The Law even told how such a sinner should die. The people had to throw stones at her until she died.

Now the scribes and Pharisees knew that Jesus loved sinners. They knew that He forgave tax collectors and other sinners. These evil men wanted to test Jesus. They wanted to find out if He would forgive this woman. If Jesus forgave the woman, He would disobey the Law. Would Jesus disobey the Law of Moses? Do you know what happened? At first Jesus acted like He did not hear the scribes. He wrote on the ground with His finger. But the scribes kept on asking Jesus what He would do. Would He tell the people to stone this woman? Or would He forgive her sins because she repented?

Jesus would never disobey the law. Still, He wanted the people to know that grace is stronger than the law. Do you know what Jesus did? He said

the scribes should obey the law. They should stone the sinful woman. But He added one new requirement. Do you know what that requirement was? Jesus said that the one who was without sin should throw the first stone.

All the scribes and Pharisees knew that they had sinned. One by one they left Jesus and the woman. At last Jesus was alone with the woman. He asked her where her accusers had gone. Didn't any of them condemn her? The woman told Jesus that none of them condemned her. Then Jesus said that He didn't condemn her either. He told her to show that she was sorry for her sins. To do this she should not sin anymore.

Why was the Law of Moses so strict? It was strict so that God could show how righteous He is. It could show how He hates sin. It could show that sin must be punished. But Jesus came to save. He took the punishment for sin. The Lord Jesus paid for our sins. He paid for sins by dying on the cross. That is why Jesus could forgive the sinful woman. That is why He can forgive those who believe in Him.

Do you know what Jesus said to those who believed Him? He said they were His disciples. Those who stayed in His word were His disciples. Such disciples would know the truth. And this truth would make them free. Isn't that a beautiful story? It is a story about why Jesus came. He came to save. Jesus came to save you and me!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful (man – woman) to Jesus.
2. The Law of Moses said that people that committed such sins should be (forgiven – put to death).
3. Jesus would not (disobey – obey) the Law of Moses.

4. Jesus said that the one (without sin – with only a few sins) should throw the first stone to put this woman to death.

5. Jesus said that those who believed Him were His (enemies – disciples).

Come For Judgment

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 12

Scripture: John 9

Memory Verse: “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (John 9:5)

Lesson Truth: Jesus came to give sight to the blind. He also came to give blindness to those who refuse to believe.

Lesson

Jesus came to the world to save His people. He also came to judge those who do not believe. Jesus’ disciples had to learn about judgments. They are not sent for specific sins. The Lord made the blind man see. Those who trusted in themselves He made blind.

This is a story about a blind man. This man was blind since he was born. Jesus saw the man as He passed by. The Lord’s disciples also saw the man. They asked Jesus a question about him. They asked whose sin made the man blind. Did the man sin or was it his parents? Jesus knew they were thinking wrong. He told them that neither the man nor his parents sinned. The man was blind so that He could show God’s works.

Jesus then showed the works of God. He showed His power to heal. He made some clay and put it on the man’s eyes. He then told the man to wash his eyes. He had to wash them in the pool of Siloam. Do you know what happened when he washed them? The man could see. For the first time in his life, he could see. The man went right home. He showed his family and neighbors that he could see. Some of the neighbors didn’t believe it. They said he was not the same man. But the man told them that he was the blind man. Then the neighbors brought him to the Pharisees. The Pharisees asked him how he was made to see. The man told them that Jesus put clay on his eyes. He said that Jesus told him to wash his eyes. He did what Jesus told him to do. Then he could see. This was the first time he could see.

This made the Pharisees upset. They said it was wrong for Jesus to heal on the Sabbath Day. They asked the man what he thought about Jesus. The man said that Jesus was a prophet. Now the Pharisees thought the man was faking. They said he had not been blind. So, they called his parents. They asked his parents about him. His parents said that the man was their son. They also said that he was born blind. But they did not want to say how he was made to see. They were afraid of the Jews. The Jews promised to hurt anyone that said Jesus was the Christ. They would put them out of the synagogue.

Now the Pharisees went after the man. They told him to say it was God who healed him. The Pharisees said that Jesus was a sinner, so Jesus could not heal him. The man answered that he did not know if Jesus was a sinner. But he did know that he had been blind. He also knew that now he could see. The Pharisees asked the man to tell them again what Jesus did. So, the man asked if they wanted to be Jesus' disciples. Now the Pharisees mocked him. They said they were Moses' disciples. The man said that if Jesus was not from God, He could do nothing. Then the Pharisees put him out of the synagogue.

Later, Jesus found the man. He asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" (John 9:35). The man said that he did not know who the Son of God was. Jesus told him that He was the Son of God. Now the man said, "Lord, I believe!" (John 9:38). Jesus then told him about the two reasons He came to the world. He came to save, and He came to judge. He came to give sight to the blind. But He also came to make those blind that think they see. Pray that Jesus will give sight to our blind eyes that we may see that He is the light of the world!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The man was blind since he was (2 years old – born).
2. The Pharisees asked the man's (parents – friends) if the man was born blind.

3. The man was blind so that (his parents would repent – God’s works could be shown).
4. The Pharisees said that it was (wrong – okay) for Jesus to heal on the Sabbath Day.
5. When Jesus said that He was the Son of God the man said (“I cannot believe” – “Lord I believe!”).

The Good Shepherd

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 13

Scripture: John 10

Memory Verse: “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

Lesson Truth: Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He gave His life for His sheep.

Lesson

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. His sheep hear His voice. They hear His voice because He cares for them. The sheep know the shepherd’s voice. Jesus is also the door to the sheepfold. Anyone who enters by this door will be saved. The Good Shepherd laid down His life for His sheep. He gives eternal life to them.

The Pharisees did not like Jesus. The Lord showed them their faults. Now Jesus talked to them in a special way. He wanted them to understand. So, He said that He was the door to the sheepfold. He also said that He was the Good Shepherd. These word pictures would help them understand.

Jesus said that He was the door to the sheepfold. He said that His people were His sheep. The sheepfold is the kingdom of God’s people. The only way that God’s people can enter the kingdom is through Jesus. That is the only way because He is the door. Jesus said that anyone who tries to enter another way is a thief. The shepherd enters through the door. The sheep hear his voice. They follow the shepherd because they know his voice. That is the way God’s people follow Jesus. They follow Him because they know His voice.

The Lord Jesus also said that He was the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd cares for his sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep. He did this on His own. No one took His life. He gave it willingly. Jesus was not like a hired hand. A hired hand runs away when danger comes. A hired hand does not save the sheep from wolves. But

the Good Shepherd saves His sheep. He gives them eternal life. The eternal life that the Good Shepherd gives can never be taken away.

Jesus then said something wonderful. He said that he had other sheep. His other sheep were not of this fold. This meant that Gentiles were also His sheep. Believing Jews and Gentiles would be one flock. Believing Jews and Gentiles would follow Jesus. They would follow the Good Shepherd because they knew His voice.

The Lord's teaching made the Jews upset. They were divided. Some of them said a demon was in Him. But others said a demon does not talk like Jesus talked. Some Jews even wanted to stone Jesus to death. Jesus asked for which miracle they wanted to stone Him. The Jews said that it wasn't for His miracles. It was because He said that He was God.

But Jesus is the Son of God! It wasn't wrong for Him to say that He was God. Jesus told them to look at His works. Did He do the works of His Father? Then they should believe in Him. We should be thankful that many did believe in Jesus. They knew that all the things John said about Him were true. Do you believe that Jesus is your Good Shepherd? Do you believe that He gave you eternal life?

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jesus said that He was the (window – door) to the sheepfold.
2. The sheepfold is the kingdom of (unbelievers – God's people).
3. The sheep follow the (thief – shepherd) because they know his voice.
4. The other sheep that would come to Jesus' fold were (Gentiles – Jews).
5. The Jews were (happy – upset) because of the things Jesus taught.

The Resurrection and the Life

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 14

Scripture: John 11

Memory Verse: “But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” (John 11:22)

Lesson Truth: Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. He said that He was the resurrection and the life.

Lesson

Resurrection means that someone comes back to life. Lazarus was dead, and Jesus brought him back to life. Later, Jesus also rose from the dead. He could truly say that He was the resurrection and the life. Lazarus was raised to glorify God. And the Son of God was glorified through His resurrection. Jesus had the power and the victory over death.

Jesus and His disciples were near the Jordan River. A messenger came to find them. He had a message from Mary and Martha. Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus were the Lord’s friends. The message from Mary and Martha said that Lazarus was very sick. They thought that Jesus would come right away. But He didn’t. He waited for two days. Jesus told His disciples that Lazarus’ sickness was not unto death. He said it was for God’s glory. The Son of God would be glorified through this sickness.

Later, Jesus said that He wanted to go to Judea. He would go to see Lazarus. This made His disciples afraid. They were afraid because the Jews in Judea tried to kill Jesus. But Jesus said that He was doing the Father’s work. Doing the Father’s work is like walking in the daytime. Jesus said that people do not stumble if they walk in the daytime. Those who do the Father’s work do not stumble. Then Thomas said to the other disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with Him” (John 11:16). They were afraid that Jesus would be killed.

The Lord said that Lazarus was asleep. His disciples thought this meant he would get well. Jesus then corrected them and said Lazarus was dead.

He knew that He was going to do a miracle. Jesus was going to raise Lazarus from the dead. This miracle would help His disciples believe. So, Jesus and his disciples went to Mary and Martha. They learned that Lazarus died.

Martha ran to meet Jesus. She said her brother would not have died if Jesus had been there. Jesus comforted Martha. He said to her, “Your brother will rise again” (John 11:23). Martha said she knew that he would rise on the last day. He would rise in the resurrection. Then Jesus said something to comfort all believers. He said, “I am the resurrection and the life.... And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die” (John 11:25-26). Martha said that she knew that Jesus was the Christ. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ?

Jesus then went to Lazarus’ tomb. He thanked the Father so the people would believe. Then He called Lazarus to come out of the tomb. And Lazarus came out of the tomb. He was wrapped in grave clothes. Lazarus had been dead for four days. Now many of the people believed in Jesus. This was wonderful for those who believed. But it was a problem for the unbelievers. It made the Jewish leaders upset.

The leaders called a meeting. They had to decide what to do with Jesus. Do you know what they decided? They decided that He had to be put to death. Caiaphas the high priest told the truth about Jesus. Even though he hated Jesus, he was allowed to tell this truth. He said that it was fitting that one man should die for the people. Jesus was the Redeemer. He was the one Man who died for the sins of His people. Caiaphas did not mean it, but he told the truth. Jesus did gain the victory over death. He is the resurrection and the life!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The message from Mary and Martha said that (Lazarus – Thomas) was sick.
2. The disciples were (happy – afraid) when Jesus wanted to go to Judea.

3. Lazarus had been in the tomb (two – four) days when Jesus and the disciples came.

4. (Mary – Martha) ran to meet Jesus and said, “My brother would not have died if You had been here.”

5. The Jewish leaders decided that Jesus had to (be thanked – die).

The Reproducing Kernel of Wheat

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 15

Scripture: John 12:20-33

Memory Verse: “Father, glorify Your name.” (John 12:28a)

Lesson Truth: Jesus is like the kernel of wheat. The kernel of wheat dies to produce more wheat. Jesus died to produce a harvest of souls.

Lesson

Some believing Greeks wanted to see Jesus. Jesus knew that His salvation was for Jews and Gentiles. So, He told the Gentile Greeks how His salvation came. It is like a kernel of wheat. The kernel must die to make more wheat. Christ Jesus must also die to produce a harvest of souls. Jesus’ death and coming back to life glorified God’s name.

The Jewish leaders were becoming more upset with Jesus. After Jesus called Lazarus from the dead more people followed Him. The leaders did not like that. They even saw some Greeks at the feast. These Greeks were not part of God’s covenant. So, they had to stay in the outer court of the temple. But they wanted to see Jesus. Do you know what they did? They asked Philip if he could help them. Philip didn’t want to bother Jesus. So, he went to Andrew. Then Philip and Andrew went to Jesus. They told Him that some Greeks wanted to see Him.

Jesus answered them in a strange way. He said to them that His hour had come. This meant that it was time for Him to be glorified. But He would be glorified in a way that they did not expect. His glory would come like a grain of wheat. A kernel of wheat must die before it can produce more wheat. In that way Jesus had to die to produce souls for His Kingdom. Jesus said it was the same way for His people. It is the opposite of the way the world thinks. Those who love their life will lose it. But those who hate their life in this world will keep it. They will keep it for eternal life.

Now Jesus thought about His death. He was bothered as He thought about it. Should He ask the Father to save Him from death? No, He could

not do that. Jesus came into the world to die. Instead, He asked the Father to glorify His name. He wanted the Father's name glorified in His death. He wanted His name glorified when He rose from the dead.

God the Father answered Jesus. He answered with a voice from heaven. The voice said, "I have glorified it and I will glorify it again" (John 12:28). Some of the people thought that it thundered. Others said that an angel talked to Jesus. Jesus told the people that the voice was not for Him. It was for them. They heard the voice so they would believe.

Jesus then told the people something wonderful. He said it was time for Satan to be cast out. But there was something even more wonderful. Jesus said that He would draw all people to Himself. People would be drawn to Him when He was lifted up. Jesus would be like the grain of wheat. The wheat was put in the soil and died. Then it produced a large crop of wheat. Jesus died on the cross. He paid for the sins of His people. In this way He produced a large harvest of souls. These souls are the people of His Kingdom.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Some (Romans – Greeks) wanted to see Jesus.
2. Christ's glory would come like a grain of (rice – wheat).
3. Jesus said that those who love their life will (lose – keep) it.
4. God the Father answered Jesus with (a voice – thunder) from heaven.
5. Jesus said that when He was lifted up He would (draw – turn away) all people to Himself.

Love to the End

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 16

Scripture: John 13:1-17

Memory Verse: “After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet.” (John 13:5a)

Lesson Truth: Jesus showed His love to His disciples. He did this when He washed their feet. He showed them how to be humble.

Lesson

Jesus loved His disciples. He loved them to the end. Jesus did not want pride or selfishness to destroy them. He showed them how to be humble. Jesus did the task of a servant. He washed His disciple’s feet. The Lord said this was a sign. It was a sign of washing away sins. Jesus was an example for His disciples.

The Lord and His disciples were in Jerusalem. It was Passover week. He and His disciples would eat the Passover meal together. Because Jesus loved His disciples, He did something special. He showed them how to be humble. Jesus knew that selfishness would hurt them. He knew that pride would destroy them. So, Jesus did an unusual thing.

Jesus and His disciples were in an upper room. Water and a basin were there to wash the guests’ feet. But there was no servant to do the washing. Washing feet was a servant’s task. It was a lowly task. None of the disciples would wash the others’ feet. They were not servants. Jesus knew that He would not be with His disciples much longer. He was going to return to heaven. But Jesus loved His disciples. He would teach them how to be humble.

Do you know what Jesus did? He got up from the table. He took off His outer garment. Then He wrapped a towel around His waist. Jesus knelt and began to wash His disciples’ feet. He dried them with the towel around His waist. Jesus did this lowly task. The disciples must have felt uneasy. Still, they allowed Jesus to wash their feet.

But Peter would not allow Jesus to wash his feet. He would not allow Jesus to be a servant to him. Jesus had to correct Peter. He told Peter that washing his feet was a sign. It was a sign of washing away sins. Peter's feet needed to be washed. This would show that he belonged to Jesus. Peter wanted very much to belong to Jesus. So, he asked Jesus to wash his hands and his head as well as his feet. That's how much he wanted to belong to Jesus. Jesus then said the disciples were clean. But not all of them were clean. He knew that Judas would betray Him.

Jesus asked His disciples if they knew what He had done. He told them that He was their Teacher and Lord. Jesus told them that they should do what their Teacher and Lord did. He washed His disciples' feet. They should also wash each other's feet. Jesus wanted His disciples to be humble. He did not want pride to destroy them. That was the way Jesus loved His disciples to the end.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jesus loved His disciples and showed them how to be (proud – humble).
2. Washing feet was a lowly task that only (servants – disciples) would do.
3. Jesus did the lowly task of washing the disciples' (hands – feet).
4. At first (Judas – Peter) would not allow Jesus to wash his feet.
5. Jesus said His disciples (should – should not) do as He had done and wash each other's feet.

Lesson 8
The Rock

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 17

Scripture: John 18:1-27

Memory Verse: “Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.” (John 18:9b)

Lesson Truth: Jesus was a rock in His suffering. He is the Rock on which His people may build.

Lesson

Why do we name Jesus the Rock? He was like a rock as He suffered. This meant that He could not be moved. Jesus was ready to do what His Father asked Him to do. He surrendered to the soldiers. Jesus confessed to the high priests that He was the Redeemer. He looked at Peter with compassion when he denied Him. The Lord brought him to repentance and forgiveness.

Jesus was at the Garden of Gethsemane. Most of His disciples were with Him. But Judas was not there. He was at the chief priests. Judas told them that he would betray Jesus. Judas knew that Jesus was at the Garden of Gethsemane. He led a squad of soldiers to arrest Jesus. Jesus went to meet the soldiers. He asked them who they were looking for. They said they were looking for Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said, “I am He” (John 18:6). This made the soldiers fall to the ground. The soldiers could not arrest Jesus unless God allowed them to.

Now Jesus asked again who they were looking for. They said they were looking for Jesus. The Lord told them He would go with them. He would go with them if they let the disciples go. Jesus was ready to do what His Father wanted Him to do.

Peter was not ready to see them arrest Jesus. He took out his sword. Peter began to fight. He cut off the ear of the high priest’s servant. Then Jesus told Peter to put his sword away. He reminded Peter that He was ready to suffer. He was ready to die for the sins of His people. Jesus then let

the soldiers arrest Him and tie Him up. They led Jesus to the house of Annas. Caiaphas the high priest was there. Peter followed them to Annas' house.

At Annas' house Peter was not allowed in. Another disciple asked them to open the door for Peter. The girl that kept the door asked Peter a question. She asked if he was one of Jesus' disciples. Then a sad thing happened. Peter told a lie. He said that he was not Jesus' disciple. Two times after that, Peter denied Jesus. Peter said before that he would die for Jesus. Sadly, He now denied Jesus three times. The third time that Peter denied Jesus, the rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus told him. He remembered that Jesus said he would deny Him three times. He would do this before the rooster crowed. Now Peter knew that Jesus' words were words of love. This made him feel sorry for his sin. Jesus did forgive Peter. Later, He restored him to be His disciple.

Even as Peter denied Jesus, the high priests questioned Him. They asked Him about His disciples. They also asked Him what He taught. The high priests acted like Jesus taught secret things. But he didn't. Jesus told them that He taught everything in the open. The only places He taught were the synagogues and the temple. The Jews were always there. Jesus confessed that He was the Redeemer. At last, Jesus told them to ask the people what He taught. They heard everything He said. This made the officer near Jesus upset. He hit Jesus. Then Jesus asked what evil He had done. Even more, He asked why He was hit if He had done no evil. In all His suffering, Jesus was like a rock. He could not be moved. Jesus suffered for the sins of His people. He did what this Father asked Him to do!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Judas led (disciples – a squad of soldiers) to arrest Jesus.
2. The soldiers could not arrest Jesus unless (the disciples - God the Father) allowed them to.

3. The disciple (Judas – Peter) did not want them to arrest Jesus so he took out his sword to fight.
4. Peter denied (two – three) times that he was the Lord's disciple.
5. Jesus said that everything He taught, He taught in (secret – the open).

Not of this World

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 18

Scripture: John 18:28–19:16

Memory Verse: “And he said to the Jews, ‘Behold you King!’” (John 19:14b)

Lesson Truth: The chief priest spoke for the Jews when he rejected Jesus. He said we have no king but Caesar. This meant they also rejected the Kingdom of heaven.

Lesson

Jesus is a King. His Kingdom is not of this world. His Kingdom is a Kingdom of truth. Pilate thought he had power over Jesus. But he had no power except what God gave him. The chief priests rejected Jesus. They said, “We have no king but Caesar” (John 19:15). Rejecting Jesus as King is terrible. It means they also rejected the Kingdom of heaven.

Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. They questioned Jesus after He was arrested. They decided to bring Jesus to the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was the Jewish council. The Sanhedrin decided that Jesus should be put to death. They thought that Jesus abused God’s name. But the Sanhedrin could not put Jesus to death. They were ruled by the Romans. Only the Romans could put someone to death. That is why the Sanhedrin led Jesus to Pilate. Pilate was the Roman governor. He had the authority to put someone to death. The Jews of the Sanhedrin wanted Jesus to die.

These Jews told Pilate that Jesus said He was a king. Pilate did not understand. He asked Jesus if He was the King of the Jews. Jesus asked Pilate, “Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?” (John 18:34). Then Jesus told Pilate that He was a King. He said that His Kingdom was not of this world. His Kingdom is the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus told Pilate that He was born to be a King. He said that His Kingdom was a Kingdom of truth. Everyone who knows the truth listens to Jesus.

Then Pilate had an idea. It was the custom to set a prisoner free at Passover. Pilate asked the Jews if he should set Jesus free. Do you know what they answered? They said, “No not this Man but Barabbas!” (John 18:40). Barabbas was a robber and a criminal. So, Pilate had Jesus beaten with a whip. He allowed the soldiers to mock Jesus. They put a crown of thorns on His head. Then the soldiers mocked him saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” (John 19:3).

Pilate brought Jesus out to the people. Jesus was wearing a purple robe. And He had the crown of thorns on His head. Pilate then said to the people, “Behold the Man!” (John 19:5). This made the chief priests and the officers upset. They cried out, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” (John 19:6). But Pilate answered that he found no fault with Jesus. He told the Jews to judge Him. But they answered that their Law said He should die. He should die because He said that He was the Son of God. This made Pilate afraid. So, he asked Jesus where He came from. Jesus knew that Pilate did not believe so He didn’t answer. Then Pilate asked, “Do You not know that I have the power to crucify You and the power to release you?” (John 19:10). Jesus reminded Pilate that he had no power except what God gave him.

Now Pilate sat in the judgment seat. It was the day of preparation for Passover. He said to the people, “Behold your King!” (John 19:14). This made the people very upset. They yelled, “Away with Him! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” (John 19:15). Pilate asked, “Shall I crucify your King?” (John 19:15). Then a sad thing happened. The chief priests spoke for the people. They said, “We have no king but Caesar” (John 19:15). They rejected the Lord Jesus Christ. They also rejected His Kingdom. They rejected the Kingdom of heaven. Do you believe that Jesus is your King?

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The (Romans – Sanhedrin) were not allowed to put anyone to death.
2. The Roman governor that had the authority to put Jesus to death was (Annas – Pilate).

3. Jesus told Pilate that His Kingdom was (not of this world – the kingdom of the Jews).
4. The Jews said that Jesus should die because He said that He was the (Son of God – Jewish ruler).
5. The chief priests rejected Jesus by saying, “We have no king but (Pilate – Caesar).

The Love Offering

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 19

Scripture: John 19:17-42

Memory Verse: “I have glorified You on earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.” (John 17:4)

Lesson Truth: Jesus died on the cross. This was His offering of love.

Lesson

Jesus showed His love in the greatest way. He was willing to die on the cross. He died to show His love for His people. He also suffered to show His love. Jesus suffered from the soldiers. He suffered when He saw His mother weep. He suffered with horrible thirst. And He allowed Himself to be buried. Jesus did all this as a love offering.

The Jews cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify him!” (John 19:15). They rejected Jesus as their King. Now Pilate sent Him away to be crucified. The soldiers took Him to Golgotha. There they nailed Him to the cross. Two criminals were crucified with Jesus. A criminal was crucified on each side of Jesus. Pilate made sign to put on Jesus’ cross. The sign said, “Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews” (John 19:19). This made the Jews upset. They did not believe that Jesus was their King.

Do you know what the soldiers did after they crucified Jesus? They divided His clothes among them. But they did not want to divide His one-piece tunic. So, they cast lots to see who would get it. Casting lots is like throwing dice. They gambled for His tunic. Do you know why it was done that way? It was because the Bible said it would be done that way. The Bible said, “They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots” (John 19:24). Everything the Bible says is true.

Jesus looked down from the cross. He saw His mother standing there. He also saw John standing nearby. They were filled with sorrow. Jesus wanted John to take care of His mother. And He wanted His mother to allow John to care for her. So, Jesus said to His mother, “Woman, behold your

son!” (John 19:26). Then He looked at John and said, “Behold your mother!” (John 19:27). Jesus loved His mother. So he asked John to take care of her. Jesus forgot His own suffering on the cross and thought about His mother.

Jesus continued to suffer on the cross. One cause for His suffering was thirst. The Bible said He would talk about His thirst. To fulfill what the Bible foretold Jesus said, “I thirst!” (John 19:28). The soldiers then offered him some sour wine. They put it on a sponge and touched His lips. Then Jesus said, “It is finished!” (John 19:30). After that He bowed His head. He gave up His spirit. This was the love offering that Jesus brought. He was willing to die for the sins of His people.

The day that Jesus died was the Preparation Day. The Jews had to prepare for the Sabbath. The Sabbath would begin at sunset. The Law said that a body might not stay on the cross on the Sabbath. What if the criminals were not yet dead? They could not take their bodies down. So, the Jews asked Pilate if they could break the criminal’s legs. This would cause them to die. Then they could take their bodies down before the Sabbath. The soldiers broke the legs of the two criminals. But they found that Jesus was already dead. So, they did not break His legs. But a soldier did pierce His side with a spear. This also happened because the Bible said that it would.

Before the Sabbath two secret disciples came to take Jesus’ body. They were Joseph and Nicodemus. Before, they did not dare to say that they were Jesus’ disciples. Now Jesus drew them with His love. They put spices on His body and buried it. They put the Lord’s body in Joseph’s new tomb. The Lord loved His people so much that He died for them.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The soldiers took Jesus to (Jerusalem – Golgotha) to be crucified.
2. The (soldiers – chief priests) divided the Lord’s clothing by casting lots.

3. Jesus looked down from the cross and asked (Simon – John) to take care of His mother.

4. The soldiers broke the (arms – legs) of the criminals so they could take their bodies down before the Sabbath.

5. Joseph of Arimathea and (Pilate – Nicodemus) were secret disciples of Jesus.

The Resurrection of Love

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 20

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Memory Verse: “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” (John 15:13)

Lesson Truth: Jesus rose from the dead. His love rose with Him. He showed this love to His people.

Lesson

Our story today is a beautiful story. It is a story about Jesus’ love. It is about His love after He rose from the dead. In this story He showed His love to three people. Those three were Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John.

Jesus’ followers were very sad when He died. They couldn’t wait for the Sabbath to be over. Then they could go out to His tomb. On the first day of the week some women went to the tomb. They went early in the morning. It was still dark. Mary Magdalene was with these women. Jesus had cast seven demons out of this Mary. That is why she loved Jesus. She wanted to be near Him. It was Jesus’ love that drew her to the tomb. Mary saw that the stone was rolled away from the door of the tomb. She saw that Jesus’ body was not in the tomb.

Mary Magdalene hurried back to Jerusalem. She went to tell the disciples. She told them that they had taken Jesus’ body out of the tomb. Mary said that she didn’t know where they laid Him. Still, Jesus’ love drew Mary to Him.

The disciples could hardly believe what Mary said. Peter and John ran out to the tomb to see. John got there first but did not go in. Peter followed him and went into the tomb. He saw the burial clothes lying there. Then John also went into the tomb. He also saw the burial clothes folded neatly. This made John think that no one stole the Lord’s body. He remembered that Jesus talked about rising from the dead. Now John believed!

Peter still did not believe. He thought about the time that he denied that he knew Jesus. Peter did not know that he could be forgiven. The wonder of this story is that Jesus drew Peter and John to Him. He drew them with His love. This was the love that rose from the dead with Jesus.

Peter and John left the Lord's tomb. But Mary Magdalene stayed there. She stood by the tomb weeping. Mary looked in the tomb and saw something amazing. She saw two angels. The angels spoke to Mary. They asked why she was weeping. Mary said, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid Him" (John 20:13). Just then she turned around. Jesus was standing right there. But Mary did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus also asked her why she was weeping. She thought that He was the gardener. So, she asked him where she could find the Lord's body.

Then Jesus said her name. He said, "Mary!" (John 20:16). Now her eyes were opened, and she knew Jesus. Mary cried, "Rabboni!" (John 20:16). The word Rabboni means teacher. That was the way Jesus' love drew Mary to Him. He told her not to cling to His body. Instead, she was to tell His followers that He was going to heaven. It was an honor for Mary to tell believers that they could fellowship with God again. Jesus said, "I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God" (John 20:17). Isn't this a wonderful story about Jesus' love? It is the love that rose with Him from the grave. It is the love Jesus has for us!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Very early on the first day of the week some (Pharisees – women) went to the tomb.
2. Jesus had cast (ten – seven) demons out of Mary Magdalene.
3. It was the (love – miracles) of Jesus that drew Mary Magdalene to the tomb.

4. Peter and (James – John) ran out to the tomb to see if Mary’s report was true.

5. Mary Magdalene’s eyes were opened when Jesus said (Rabboni – Mary); then she knew Jesus.

Christ, the Son of God

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 21

Scripture: John 20:19-29

Memory Verse: “And Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” (John 20:28)

Lesson Truth: Jesus rose from the dead. He is the Christ, the Son of God.

Lesson

Our story today tells us who Jesus really is. He is the Christ, the Son of God. We know this because God’s Word tells us this is true. We will learn about His resurrection. We will learn how He sent out His disciples. And we will learn how Jesus scolded Thomas. He scolded him for not believing God’s Word.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He showed Himself to Mary Magdalene. Later that day, He talked to two men on the road to Emmaus. The same day in the evening the disciples were together in a room. They were probably talking about Mary’s report. Mary said that she had seen Jesus. Could it be true that Jesus was really alive? Could it be true that Jesus won the victory over sin and death? The disciples talked about Jesus. They were afraid of the Jews. So, they were in a room with the doors closed. Then something wonderful happened.

Suddenly, Jesus came into the room with the disciples. He did not open the door. He just stood between the disciples. He said to them, “Peace be with you” (John 20:19). Jesus then showed them His hands and His side. Now the disciples knew that Jesus had risen from the dead. They saw the marks of His suffering on His hands. This helped them understand that Jesus knew all along that He would suffer. This helped them understand that Jesus knew He would rise from the dead. Now the disciples knew that Jesus won the victory over sin and death. They began to understand

that this victory could be theirs. That is why John said, “The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord” (John 19:20).

Jesus knew that the disciples were now ready to tell the story of the resurrection. He said to them, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” The disciples had a very special task to do. Jesus knew that they needed His power.

So, Jesus breathed on the disciples. In this way He put His words into their mouths. Then He told His disciples to, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22). The Holy Spirit would give the disciples the power to tell about the resurrection. They would no longer be afraid. They would tell this story to the whole world. We should be very thankful that this story was never lost. God saved it for His people in the Bible.

It was sad that Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus came. He still did not believe that Jesus rose from the dead. He did not believe God’s Word. Thomas did not believe the other disciples. He said that he would not believe unless he saw the nail prints in Jesus’ hands. Still, Jesus showed His grace to Thomas.

Eight days later Jesus appeared to the disciples again. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus showed Thomas His hands and His side. Now Thomas believed and he said, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). Then Jesus said, “Thomas, because you have seen Me you have believed. Blessed art those who have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29). Do you believe that Jesus is the risen Christ? Do you believe that He is the Son of God?

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. On resurrection day in the (morning – evening) Jesus showed Himself to His disciples.
2. The disciples were in a room with the doors (closed – open) because they were afraid of the Jews.

3. When the disciples saw Jesus, they knew that He had (won – lost) the victory over sin and death.
4. The Holy Spirit would give the (Jews – disciples) the power to tell the resurrection story to the world.
5. Jesus told (Peter – Thomas) that he did not believe until he had seen Jesus.

His Bond to this Life

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 22

Scripture: John 21

Memory Verse: “And when He had spoken this, He said to him, ‘Follow Me.’” (John 21:19b)

Lesson Truth: Jesus rose from the dead. Still, He kept ties to this life.

Lesson

Our title says that Jesus had a bond to this life. Jesus was interested in His disciples. He was still interested even after He rose from the dead. He blessed their everyday work. He drew them to Him with His love. Most of all Jesus showed that He was their supreme ruler. In this way the Lord was bound to this life.

The disciples were in Galilee. They were waiting for Jesus. They were in the area of the Sea of Tiberias. Jesus said that He would meet them in Galilee. The disciples didn't know what to do while they waited. Peter said to the others, “I am going fishing” (John 21:3). A number of the others decided to go along. The disciples fished all night, but caught nothing. Then something wonderful happened.

Early in the morning they rowed to shore. When they came near, they saw a stranger. This stranger asked if they had some fish. They told Him they had none. He said to them, “Cast your net on the other side of the boat” (John 21:6). Do you know what happened? Their net became so full of fish that it nearly broke. Then John knew that the stranger was Jesus. He told Peter that He was Jesus. So, Peter jumped into the water and swam to shore. He saw that Jesus was frying some fish on a coal of fire. Jesus asked him to bring some of the fish they caught. So, Peter pulled the net to the shore. Then the disciples saw how many fish they caught. There were 153 fish. Jesus fed the disciples with fish and bread. Jesus had risen from the dead. This was the third time that His disciples saw Jesus since He arose. But none of them dared to ask if He was Jesus.

After breakfast Jesus talked to Peter. He asked Peter the same question three times. Jesus asked, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” (John 21:15). Peter felt bad that Jesus asked him three times if he loved Him. This was the Lord’s way of making Peter an apostle again. For some time, Peter wasn’t an apostle because he denied Jesus. But Jesus told Peter to follow Him. He warned Peter that he would suffer for following Jesus. Peter would die a painful death for following Jesus.

Peter then did something sad. He worried about what the apostle John had to do. He asked Jesus about John. Would John have to suffer the same as Peter? Jesus told Peter that he should not worry about others. He told him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me” (John 21:22). Jesus showed His tie to this life. He showed that He blesses the everyday work of His people. He draws His people to Himself with His love. Jesus showed that He is the ruler of His people. Do you believe in this risen Jesus?

Questions

1. The disciples were waiting for Jesus in (Judea – Galilee).
2. The disciple (John – Peter) said, “I am going fishing.”
3. The disciple (John – Peter) knew that the stranger on the shore was Jesus.
4. The disciples saw that they caught (53 – 153) fish after they cast the net on the other side of the boat.
5. Jesus asked (Peter – Thomas) three times if he loved Him.