



Getting to Know Jesus Christ

His Most Important Work

Jesus did many things when He walked the earth. He healed the sick. He raised the dead. He taught individuals and multitudes. He delivered a standard of morality that is unmatched anywhere. He drove the moneychangers out of the temple. He held little children on His knee. All that He did was important, but there are a few things that are of utmost importance.

1. What, of all the things that Jesus did, does the Bible say is most important? (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

Jesus d_____.

He was b_____.

He was r_____.

He a_____.

Why do you think these things are important?

His Death

1. If Jesus was "God with us" (Matthew 1:23) why did He die? (Romans 5:6)

2. Did Jesus die only for the "bad" people? (Romans 3:23)

3. According to Paul, why did Jesus come into the world? (1 Timothy 1:15)

4. What did the angel Gabriel say that Jesus would do? (Matthew 1:21)

5. Read 1 Peter 3:18. What phrase in this verse expresses the idea of a substitutionary death?

6. Did Jesus know ahead of time that He was going to die? (Matthew 16:21)

7. Read Isaiah 53:4-9. This is a prophecy of the coming of Messiah that predated Jesus by about 700 years. Did God know ahead of time that Jesus was going to be killed?

8. Was Jesus killed against His will? (Philippians 2:8; Mark 10:45; 1 Timothy 2:6)

9. What kind of death did Jesus suffer? (Matthew 27:33-44)

10. What did Jesus bear on the cross? (1 Peter 2:24)

11. What was done before Jesus was removed from the cross to assure that He was dead? (John 19:32-34)

Summary

Death marks the end of man's progress on earth. It is a dreaded enemy and is certainly not desired. This was not the case with Jesus. His death was the reason He came.

His Burial

1. When Jesus was dead, what did Joseph and Nicodemus do with His body? (John 19:38-42)

2. What did the Jewish and Roman authorities do to make sure that Jesus' body stayed in the grave? (Matthew 27:62-66)

Summary

The empty tomb stands as a symbol today of death's power broken - first for Jesus, and ultimately for all who accept and serve Him.

His Resurrection

1. Did Jesus predict the resurrection? (John 2:19-22)

2. Did Jesus' disciples believe that He had been raised when they first heard the news? (Read Luke 24:1-12)

3. Who saw Jesus after the resurrection? (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

4. If Jesus did not raise from the dead, what does it mean for Christians? (1 Corinthians 15:13-19)

5. What one fact was constantly presented as the apostles went about preaching about Jesus? (Acts 3:14-15; Acts 4:33; Acts 13:30)

6. How important to the Christian faith is the resurrection? (Romans 10:9)

Summary

The founders of the world's great religions are all dead. People visit their graves, in some cases, even today. None of them ever claimed that they would be raised from the dead. In this, Jesus stands unique. Paul's words are relevant for all Christians today: "*Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead....*" 2 Timothy 2:8

His Ascension

1. As Jesus' disciples looked on, what happened to Jesus? (Acts 1:9-11)

2. What has Jesus gone back into heaven to do? (John 14:1-3)

3. What did Jesus do when He had ascended into heaven? (Mark 16:19)

4. What is one thing that Jesus does as He sits at the right hand of God? (Romans 8:34)

Summary

"If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory." - Colossians 3:1-4