

WARM-UP

- What is the most unbelievable sight you've witnessed?
- What activities do you prefer doing alone, and which do you like having a companion along for? Why?
- What is your response upon hearing a far-fetched story? How do you confirm uncertain facts?

WORD *⁶“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”* **MATTHEW 28:6-7**

(Read also **MATTHEW 28:1-5, 8-20.**)

On the third day of His death and burial, Jesus rose to life in the event known as the resurrection. As in His death, miraculous events surrounded the resurrection of Jesus. On the day His tomb was found empty, there was a great earthquake, an angel came from heaven and rolled back the tombstone, and Jesus was seen alive again (Matthew 28:2, 9).

But ultimately, the miracle of the resurrection revealed that Jesus is more powerful than death. Jesus Himself prophesied His own death and resurrection. Then, He laid His life down and took it up again of His own accord (John 10:18). His life, death, and resurrection also caused others to resurrect from the dead. Indeed, He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25). In this lesson, we will see three implications of the resurrection of Jesus.

1 | The miracle of Jesus' resurrection reveals that He is worthy of worship.

⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. . . . ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

MATTHEW 28:9, 17

When Jesus rose from the dead, He proved that He is the Son of God, even to those who previously did not believe. He also proved that He was divine, and thus worthy of worship. What a glorious sight for Jesus' followers—to see the resurrected Savior! But in spite of all this, not everyone believed (Matthew 28:17). What are the things you find hard to believe? What do you do when you find yourself still doubting?

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2 | The miracle of Jesus' resurrection shows that He has all power and authority.

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." **MATTHEW 28:18***

Jesus' resurrection proved that all of the kingdoms of the world have been placed under His power and authority. Satan was called the *prince of the power of the air* (Ephesians 2:2), and he held *all the kingdoms of the world* (Matthew 4:8). But when Jesus rose again, He took the kingdom back from Satan to be under His rule. What does Revelation 11:15 say about the kingdoms of the world?

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The miracle of Jesus' resurrection compels us to go and make disciples.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." . . . ¹⁹"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:10, 19–20

Ultimately, the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus highlights that Jesus was who He said He was—the Son of God, greater than death, and the only way that we can be saved and experience eternal life. It's this very fact that now compels us to *go and make disciples*, so that others will come to know the Jesus that we know and experience the eternal life that He has made available to them. What is your response knowing that Jesus always invites us to take part with Him in His work?

APPLICATION

- What are some practical ways that you could worship and honor Christ as God in your everyday life?
- Do you believe that God has all power and authority on earth and in heaven? How should this truth affect how you live your life?
- What is one way you can act on the mission that Jesus invites us to take part in with Him? What is the right mindset as we do this?

