

# *Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church*

Sunday School Lesson

4.5.2026

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Jesus Overcomes the Grave

## **Mark 16: 1- 8**

Christ overcoming the grave represents God's promise of a resurrection, which is meant to remove our fear of death, both physical death and spiritual death. This offers unto us as believers a spiritual hope and the assurance that those, who by faith believing will never be separated from God. Christ conquered the consequences of the fall of Adam and now death is no longer a permanent end, but a transition to becoming present with the Lord. His resurrection is the ultimate guarantee that, as believers, we will also experience a resurrection. The resurrection and the life represent hope, a living hope, a new beginning, a passage from an unending death to an everlasting life. Therefore, eternal life can be defined as having a genuine relationship that continues permanently after death, for it is understood, not just as an endless duration of time, but a superior quality of life, in a state of perfect joy, and peace, and love. Our eternal relationship with God is everlasting and is meant to be experienced both in this life and the next. But let us remember that this relationship is based upon our faith, our hope, and our love for Christ Jesus and not upon religious doctrines or human merit. It is a constant journey of sharing our life with him.

**1 Peter 1: 3 – 5,....** blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead....to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven....kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time....

As believers, we are born again by the grace of God, and now we have a living hope that is anchored in the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Therefore, despite the immediate situations and circumstances in our life, we have a secure future in heaven with God, a future that is guaranteed, for our living hope originates from a living, resurrected savior. It is anchored in the past through the crucifixion of Christ, and it remains in the present through his resurrection, and will continue into the future by the fulfillment of the promises and commandments of his word. Therefore, we do not give up hope, for we do not focus on what is seen, but we focus on what is unseen, for we now live within the hope of our own resurrection, which is the anchor for our soul, firm and secure.

**Mark 16: 1 – 5,....** when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James....brought....spices, that they might....anoint him....very early....the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher....they said....who shall roll away the stone....they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away....entering....they saw a young man....clothed in a long white garment....

In our life in Christ, as believers, no matter the situation or circumstance, and if we are willing to follow after the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, God will turn our despair into divine hope. Therefore, trusting in him will reveal unto us that despite worldly obstacles, his love, his mercy, and his grace will always triumph over earthly obstructions. It is his divine hope, which is given through the resurrection of his Son that empowers us to overcome despair, to endure suffering, and to grow in the confidence and the assurance that we have a future inheritance that is imperishable. This is an active hope, because it is based upon a living savior. For this reason, we have the guarantee that death has now become a passageway to a new life. This provides unto us strength in trials and transforms our suffering into joy. It is the foundation on which we stand that confirms unto us that Gods promises and commandments are true and eternal.

**Romans 8: 24,....** for we are saved by hope....

Now, salvation is secured by God's grace, and it is sustained by trusting in his promises, which enables endurance through suffering. Therefore, we live in a state of confident, patient, expectation, and not by worldly, wishful thinking. It is when we look forward to the hope of our resurrection, which is the redemption of our soul, that leads us into a life of holiness, anticipating our complete freedom from the power of sin.

**Mark 16: 6 – 8,....**he saith unto them....ye seek Jesus....which was crucified, he is risen, he is not here....go your way, tell his disciples....he goeth before you into Galilee, there ye shall see him....they went out quickly....they trembled, and were amazed, neither said they anything to any man....

Our declaration of the resurrection of Christ transforms our worldly fear into faith, which is our proclamation of the truth, that empowers us to live in our new life in Christ. The empty tomb is our guarantee, that by accepting the promise of the gospel of the saving grace of God, we will be resurrected or raised to live with him. He is risen, he is alive, signifies that Christ conquered the death of the spiritual consequences of sin, allowing all mankind the chance to be reconciled unto God. It is also the assurance that he is a living presence within us through the indwelling Holy Spirit, empowered and active through our obedience to his word. By this we are spiritually reborn, and we have the assurance of eternal life, which is our motivation to proclaim our faith to the world.

**Mark 16: 15,....**go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature....

As believers, we are commanded, therefore, it is our responsibility to proclaim and to share our faith and offer to all of mankind the knowledge of salvation by the grace of God. We cannot do it alone, but through the power of the Holy Spirit, which allows us to overcome our worldly fears, and gives unto us the courage and the strength to reflect Gods characteristics of love and compassion, by our actions, to a world that is full of rejection.

**1 Corinthians 15: 20 – 23,....**now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept....for since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead....every man in his own order, Christ the first fruits, afterward, they that are Christs at his coming....

Christ was the first of a future resurrection harvest, guaranteeing that believers will also rise. The first man Adam brought eternal death to all, while the second man Christ overcame death, hell, and the grave, and brought eternal life to all who will by faith, believe. So, as believers, we are already united with Christ in his death, awaiting to be united in a future resurrection with him at his coming. But for now, we live with the foresight of a future inheritance in the one who leads all mankind into the way of eternal life.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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