**Bible Class Notes – Easter Sunday**

***God’s Wonderful Plan of Salvation***

**This week** we remind ourselves of God’s Mercy and Kindness in Saving His People

**Paul wrote “Christ died for our sins …; He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.” 1 Corinthians 15 vs3-4**

Bible Readings for this week:

*(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)*

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| **Day** | **Bible Reading** | **Tick When Read** |
| **Sunday** | **John 18 v1-18 (Judas’ betrayal, Christ’s arrest)** |  |
| **Monday** | **John 18 v19-27 (Peter’s denial, the cock crows)** |  |
| **Tuesday** | **John 18 v28-40 (Christ’s trial - no fault found)** |  |
| **Wednesday** | **John 19 v1-18 (Christ crucified)** |  |
| **Thursday** | **John 19 v19-37 (Scripture fulfilled)** |  |
| **Friday** | **John 19 v38-42, 20 v1-18 (Buried, Rises 3rd day)** |  |
| **Saturday** | **John 20 v19-31 (The risen Christ appears)** |  |

**Important Lesson for us Today: God fits us for Heaven despite a Great Fall:** With Adam we are all Fallen and Lost in sin. Believers, being predestinated (chosen) by God in Eternity Past are: **Graciously Called** by God The Holy Spirit to repent and believe, **Justified** (declared righteous) by Christ’s death on the Cross, **Adopted** into God’s family, to grow like the Lord Jesus Christ in **Sanctification** (Holiness), and finally to be **Glorified** (resurrected, changed to be like Christ) – Perfect, to enjoy God’s Eternity for ever.

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah, What a Saviour!**

**This week’s hymn verses remind us of what our response should be: (260)**

1. Give me a sight, O Saviour, 4. Then melt my heart, O Saviour

Of Thy wondrous love to me, Bend me and break me down,

Of the love that brought Thee down to earth, Until I own Thee Conqueror,

To die on Calvary. And Lord and Sovereign crown.

*O make me understand it,*

*Help me to take it in,*

*What it meant to Thee, the Holy One,*

*To bear away my sin.*

***EDT Bible Class Take Home Sheet***

**God sent His Son to Die for Lost Sinners on Calvary**

* **Bible Truths about God:**
  + **One Triune God - Father, Son (The Lord Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit.**
    - **Divine, Eternally and Equally the same - Without beginning or end.**
    - **Omnipotent** (All Powerful)**, Omniscient** (All Knowing), **Omnipresent** (Everywhere), **Holy, Just, Loving, Gracious, Merciful, and Forgiving.**
  + **His Great Plan of Salvation – Conceived in Eternity –** before Time began.
    - **The Son** agreed to come to earth as a **Perfect Man - The Saviour of Sinners**
    - **Promised** throughout **The Old Testament, Fulfilled** in the **New Testament**
* **Before Calvary – The Lord Jesus Christ:**
  + **Proved Himself as God –** Perfect Life, Preaching & Teaching Truth, Miracles.
  + He Prayed for God’s Blessing on ALL who would believe in Him **(read John 17)**.
  + In Gethsemane He prayed for His Fathers’ help as He faced the ordeal of His Crucifixion the next day – even sweating drops of blood. **(read Luke 22 v41-42).**
  + He **allowed** men to evilly treat Him and falsely condemn Him to death.
* **On Calvary - The Lord Jesus Christ:**
  + Suffered His Father’s Holy, Eternal Wrath for Sin in the space of a few hours.
    - Darkness hid the awful spectacle of His Suffering – Physical, and in His Soul.
  + He, as a **Perfect Substitute**, took the full, eternal, punishment due to His People for the guilt of All their sins. He did this because He Loves His People.
  + **He Gave up His Life** - No man took it from Him. **(John 19 v30).**
    - **“It is Finished”** – **Complete Victory** over Sin, Death, The Grave and Hell.
* **After Calvary - The Lord Jesus Christ:**
  + **Rose Again** – He took back His Life – **Death could not hold Him.**
    - **His Resurrection confirms His completed work of Salvation for Sinners.**
    - Seen by many of His followers, including two travelling to Emmaus. (**Luke 24)**
  + **Ascended into Heaven**, to **present saved sinners without sin** to His Father.
    - **Believers** are seen by God as wearing **His Righteousness** – As Holy People.
  + **Promised to Return as the Judge** of all who have ever lived. **(Acts 1 v11).**
  + This will be the end of time when the New Heaven and New Earth will begin.

*The Apostle John wrote, ‘Thomas answered and said unto Him, “My Lord and my God”.Jesus saith unto him, “Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed”.*

*And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name’. John 20 v28-31.*