

Lessons From People Who Followed Jesus

This week – continuing our series of lessons which teach us how to savingly follow Jesus Christ.

*Jesus said, “Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.”
And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak.
And He delivered him to his mother.
Luke 7v14,15.*

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)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 7v11-16 (The Lord restores life to the widows' son)	
Monday	Genesis 2v15-25 (Death Promised for Disobedience)	
Tuesday	Genesis 3v1-24 (Death Because of Disobedience)	
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15v50-58 (O Death, where is thy sting?)	
Thursday	2 Corinthians 1v1-24 (The God of all Comfort)	
Friday	2 Corinthians 7v1-16 (Paul shows his Emotions)	
Saturday	Ephesians 2v1-22 (From Death to Spiritual Life)	

Important Questions for us Today: Why do we fear death? Why does it bring sorrow? God made Adam and Eve in His image; as God is eternal so are we. Ours souls will live eternally. Adam and Eve were created to live forever in harmony with God. Yet their sin brought death and judgement into the world. Our conscience tells us that death is not the natural order of things and is to be feared. The Bible tells us, *“it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”* Hebrews 9v27. Our lesson today shows great sorrow, followed by God’s comfort of great joy. When a person knows and loves the Lord as their Saviour, death’s sting and its victory are removed. Great sorrow and tears of sadness are shed when a Christian dies as they will be missed on this earth, but peace and comfort is given to the mourners by God, knowing that their soul is eternally with their risen Lord in Heaven. Emotions of sorrow and regret are used by God to cause our consciences to realise that we too are sinners, and this brings us to that point of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. Then, once forgiven, we experience God’s great joy and peace within our soul. See **Philippians 4v7**.

Hymn 401 - reminds us of the comfort given to all who put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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| 1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
Now hear me when I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine. | 4. When ends life’s transient dream,
When death’s cold sullen stream
Shall o’er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul. |
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EDT Bibel/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Lord Meets A Sorrowing Widow.

- **Death Comes to Everyone.**
 - Physical death is the end of our life on earth – Our entrance to Eternity.
 - Spiritual death begins the day our physical life starts on earth.
 - At physical death our eternal soul leaves the body - Destiny? Heaven or Hell.
- **.... But It Was Not Always So:**
 - God created mankind perfect, to live forever; Adam’s rebellion ended this.
- **Sin’s Wage is Death – Spiritual and Physical.**
 - **Death Brings Separation From God.**
 - Every child born inherits Adam’s rebellion; from birth we are spiritually dead towards God and have no natural interest in Him. We wilfully disobey His commands and follow the desires of our sinful, fallen hearts. We live at enmity with God, rebels in His sight.
 - **Death Brings Great Sorrow.**
 - The Widow of Nain had lost both her husband and her only son to death; now there was no one to provide or care for her. She was very sorrowful and in desperate need.
 - Death, without forgiveness, brings eternal misery and regret, under God’s wrath.
 - **The Power of Death – It is Final and Beyond Our Control.**
 - No human intervention, or word of comfort, could bring her son back to life.
 - Death is inevitable; no matter how we try we cannot prevent it or reverse it.
- **God’s Free Gift is Life.**
 - The Lord, with love and compassion, meets the widow in her great need. He graciously says to her, *“Weep not”*. The Lord fully understands sorrow.
 - Then He speaks to the dead man, *“Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.”*
 - Only the Lord Jesus, the Prince of Life, could tell a dead body to live again.
 - Immediately the young man sat up and began to speak. A mighty miracle.
- **How Can We receive God’s Free Gift of Life?**
 - We need to be **‘Born Again’** – brought to life by the quickening power of God.
 - Only then do we **‘hear’** the voice of God calling us to repentance. To have faith in Him and find new spiritual life through His promised forgiveness of our sin.
 - The Lord Jesus came to die on the cross, taking the wages of our sin upon Himself, and, by rising again, He gives new life to all who repent and believe.
- **What Will We Receive at the End of Our Life?**
 - A life of rebellion against God will justly end in the eternal death of our soul, away from God, to exist for ever with no comfort, joy or peace.
 - By humbly asking for forgiveness the Lord will bring spiritual life to our souls while we live on earth and grant us the joy and peace of eternal life in Heaven.

Paul wrote, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
Romans 6v23.