

To Know To Believe To Live – Module 7 Official Handout

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THE PASCHAL MYSTERY, PART II: THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

I. Discussion on Scene in The Passion of the Christ in Which Satan is Screaming:

A. Why do you think Satan is screaming from hell after Jesus dies on the cross?

II. Three Reasons Why Jesus' Resurrection is Important:

A. The Past:

1. We had increasingly separated ourselves from God who is holy and had increasingly lost our reflection of this holiness because of sin.
2. God sent his only Son to close the gap sin created between God and humanity by dying on the cross.
3. Trusting in the forgiveness he makes possible for us, the sins of our past are wiped away when we are baptized.

B. The Present:

1. Because Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave, He now gives us the same power (through the Holy Spirit) that brought Him back from the dead so that we can live our lives every day with resurrection power.
2. We no longer have to rely on our own power. The power of God (through the Holy Spirit) will give us strength and power so we can become different people today than we were in the past.

C. The Future:

1. Sharing in Christ's resurrection means that we can share in eternal life that is endless bliss and perpetual happiness and that death has no power over us.
2. Jesus became for believers the guarantee that as he rose bodily from the dead, we too shall rise bodily from the dead one day.
3. Our body will be a glorified body.

D. DISCUSSION: OF THESE THREE POINTS, WHICH ONE IS THE MOST COMPELLING FOR YOU?

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III. Ongoing Reflection:

- A. Reflect on where you are currently in knowing, believing, and living the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus in your life today and the difference it makes for you AND how you might be invited to take another step forward growing in this area of faith.

IV. A Prayer:

Oh, let me know the power of your resurrection;
Oh, let me know your risen life in calm and clear reflection;
Oh, let me soar where you my savior, have gone before;
In mind and heart let me dwell always, only where Thou art. (Source: Unknown)

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