
Jesus Death and Resurrection

Devotion 5

All Ages

January 14 - 18

Story

Jesus the Sacrifice

Many people loved Jesus. They believed Jesus and followed Him. However, some leaders hated Jesus and they were jealous of Him. They made plans to kill Jesus. Jesus willingly allowed himself to be arrested, tried, and condemned to die. Soldiers placed him on a cross. A cross is made from 2 large pieces of wood formed together. They took His hands and His feet and nailed them to the cross. His blood flowed from His hands, feet and body. He suffered much pain and He died on the cross.

Because Jesus never sinned, Jesus is the perfect blood sacrifice. He did not deserve to die, but God sent Him to die on the cross and take the punishment for the sins of man, all people. He died on the cross in our place. Only through the shedding of His blood is God willing to forgive our sin.

Jesus' death demonstrates God's love for us. However, this story doesn't end here. After Jesus died, he was placed in a secure tomb. On the third day Jesus rose from the dead and showed Himself to His followers! He proved that He has the power over death. Then He returned to His Father in heaven. Jesus took our punishment and now provides a way for us to come back to God!

God wants you and your whole family to return to Him. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice, and He is the only way to restore our relationship with God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." You must go through Jesus to return to God.

How can you go through Jesus? You must admit to God that you have sinned against Him. You must believe that Jesus died in your place. You put your trust in Jesus to bring you back and give you eternal life as God's son or daughter. From that point on, you let Jesus be your Master and obey His word.

Do you want to let Jesus bring you back to God?

Verses

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The Lesson Questions

1. What does it mean to sin?
2. What does the word sacrifice mean?
3. What does this lesson teach about Jesus?
4. How was Jesus the perfect sacrifice?

Memory Verse:

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