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Bible Studies for Seniors

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## STUDY 1: The Lord Jesus - His Death.



*Suggested Further Reading:* • Psalm 22  
• Isaiah 53 • John 19: 16-42



**READ:**  
Luke 23: 32-56



**KEY VERSES:**  
John 15: 13-14



The Lord Jesus was about 33 years old when He died. It was about three years since He had chosen his twelve disciples and started out on His public ministry. He went about teaching, healing the sick and performing other miracles. In that time He made many friends and followers, but also many enemies, who were jealous of Him and had great influence over the people.

**Q:** Some of His enemies are mentioned in verse 35.  
Who were they, what did they say and in what way did they say it?

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The rulers (Jewish leaders) were worried that Jesus was undermining their authority and influence with the people. They enjoyed their position of power and did not want to lose it. They did not really care who Jesus was or what happened to Him as long as He didn't interfere with their lives. Many of us are like that today.

**Q:** In verse 36, more of the enemies of Jesus came up to Him on the cross.  
Who were they, what did they say and in what way did they say it?

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The soldiers were Romans, not Jews. They weren't religious like the Jewish leaders. In fact, they were known for their cruelty and inhumanity. No doubt they thought it would please the Jewish leaders if they treated Jesus in this way. Many people still do things to impress or please others, even when they know it's wrong.

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Just after Jesus had died, one of the soldiers, (a centurion in charge of a hundred men) had something very different to say.

Q: What did he say and in what way did he say it?

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Q: In verse 39, we find yet another enemy of Jesus. Who was he and what did he do to Jesus?

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However, the other criminal had a completely different attitude. He knew that he deserved his punishment because of the life he had lived.

Q: What did he say about Jesus?

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Q: What did he say to Jesus?

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Q: What was Jesus' response to the dying thief's request?

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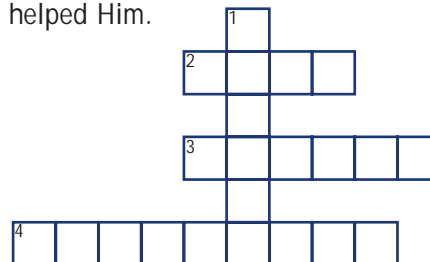
This criminal admitted he was a sinner and deserved to die. He acknowledged that Jesus was sinless and that He would reign as King in the life to come. He asked the Lord Jesus to remember him, and Jesus promised that they would be together in paradise.

**Do you want to be with the Lord Jesus in paradise (Heaven) one day? Then you need to do what the thief did.**

1. Admit you are a sinner and deserve God's punishment.
2. Believe that the Lord Jesus was sinless and was punished in your place.

Many of Jesus' friends and followers were watching everything that happened. There were a number of women (verse 49) who had followed Him from Galilee and helped Him.

Q: Some of these are named in Mark 15: 40. Two of the names fit into 1. and 2. on the Crossword. 3. is the name of the man who asked Pilate for Jesus' body. and 4. is the name of the man who went with 3, mentioned in John 19: 39.



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Read the Key Verses carefully and ask yourself the question:  
"Am I a friend or an enemy of the Lord Jesus?"

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### STUDY 2: The Lord Jesus - His Resurrection.



**READ:**  
Luke 8: 1-3  
& John 20: 1-18



**KEY VERSE:**  
Romans 10: 9



*Suggested Further Reading: • Mark 16: 9-11 • 1 Corinthians 15: 1-50*

It had been a traumatic few days for Mary Magdalene. This was now the third day since the Lord's death. She had loved, followed and served the Lord Jesus since He had healed and forgiven her some time before.

**Q: Look at Luke 8: 1-3. What had the Lord Jesus done for Mary Magdalene?**

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**Q: What did Mary and the other women do for the Lord Jesus during His lifetime?**

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**Q: Name the two other women mentioned in the first Bible Reading.**

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Mary Magdalene was the first person that the risen Lord Jesus appeared to. It was not to His disciples, nor to His family, nor to somebody of great importance in the eyes of others. Why was Mary singled out for this great privilege? Let's have a closer look at John 20: 1-18 and see what we can find out.

**Q: What did Mary notice had been removed from the entrance to the tomb?**

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This, she knew, was too heavy to have been easily moved. Besides, it had been sealed at Pilate's command and was guarded. She was really surprised and immediately ran off to tell someone. She found two of Jesus' disciples, one of whom is mentioned by name.

**Q: Who was that?**

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**Q: Read verses 6 & 7, and write IN YOUR OWN WORDS what Peter saw in the tomb.**

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Then the other disciple went in.

**Q: What was HIS reaction to what he saw?**

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**Q: What did the two disciples do when they came out of the tomb?**

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After they had gone, Mary remained outside the tomb weeping. She really loved the Lord Jesus. She still hadn't realised that He had risen from the dead. She thought someone had stolen His body. She must have had quite a shock when she bent down and looked into the tomb.

**Q: Whom did she see in the tomb?**

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Even when the Lord Jesus appeared to her, she didn't recognise Him at first.

**Q: Who did she think He was?**

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But when the Lord Jesus said her name, she turned towards Him.

**Q: What did she call Him?**

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The Lord Jesus then asked Mary to go to His disciples with a message.

**Q: What was this message?**

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Mary immediately went and did exactly as He had said. The Lord Jesus wants us to pass on to our friends and family, the message that He died to save all who believe in Him and that He is now alive for ever. But Mary's message was even more personal. She started by telling the disciples that she had seen the Lord. She had met Him herself!

**Q: Write out the Key Verse and underline what the verse says we must believe, if we are to be saved.**

  
  
  
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In this study we have seen the reactions of Peter, John and Mary to the resurrection.

**Q: What is your reaction?**

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## STUDY 3: The Lord Jesus - His Ascension.



**READ:**  
Luke 24: 45-53  
& Acts 1: 1-12



**KEY VERSE:**  
Luke 24: 51



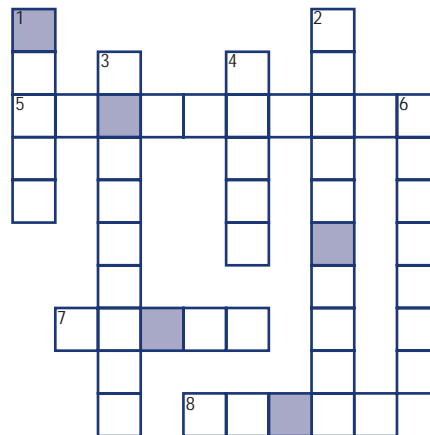
*Suggested Further Reading:* • Mark 16: 19 & 20 • John 7: 39  
• Acts 4: 31-33

The Lord Jesus had been crucified and raised from the dead. At various times He had appeared to His disciples and now His final moments on earth have come.

**Q:** Read the two Bible Readings which contain Luke's account of what happened next, and then complete the crossword.

**Clues down**

1. John baptised with this.
2. Jesus said that in a few days the disciples would be baptised with this.
3. The disciples returned from the Mount of Olives to this city.
4. The two men were dressed in this colour.
6. One of the places that Jesus said the disciples would be witnesses in.



**Clues across**

5. The book of the Acts of the Apostles was written to this man.
7. As Jesus ascended into Heaven, this hid Him from the disciples' sight.
8. The number of days between Jesus' resurrection and ascension.

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**Q:** Take the letters from the shaded squares and rearrange them to form a word found in the passage.

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**Q:** Read Acts 1: 8 and write the names of the places in the correct spaces:-

They were to be witnesses in the capital city called \_\_\_\_\_, and in the surrounding area called \_\_\_\_\_. Then they were to go to the district called \_\_\_\_\_, which was further north.

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The Lord Jesus knew that His work on this earth was finished. Now the disciples were to take on the responsibility of spreading God's Word. This was a tremendous task. The Lord called them His 'witnesses'. (See verse 8)

Sometimes people witness accidents and have to go to court to explain what they have seen and heard. Now the disciples are witnesses of what they have personally seen and heard!

Q: Look at Luke 24: 46 & 48 and then write out the things the Lord Jesus said His disciples had seen and heard.

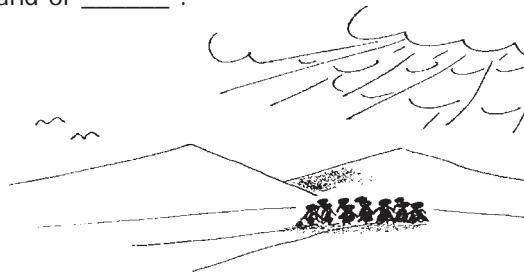
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Q: Read Mark 16: 19, Acts 1: 11 & 12 and fill in the missing words in the following paragraph:-

The Lord Jesus had taken His disciples to the Mount of \_\_\_\_\_ near Bethany. He blessed them, and was taken up into \_\_\_\_\_, where He sat down at the right hand of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Now the Lord Jesus was back with His Father, and this is where He is today. It could be thought that His disciples would have been very upset. Their Friend, Teacher and Lord had left them.



Q: How did they feel as they went back to Jerusalem? (Luke 24: 52-53)

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Q: What did they do?

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In this Study, the Lord Jesus had promised to give His disciples power. This promise was fulfilled when the Holy Spirit came on them a few days after the Lord Jesus had gone back to Heaven. Today, everyone who is a believer in the Lord Jesus, receives the Holy Spirit, who gives power to witness for Him.

Q: Read and write out Acts 4: 31 as a proof of this fact.

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Here is a poem about the promised Holy Spirit.

Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me;  
Break me,  
Melt me,  
Mould me,  
Fill me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

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## STUDY 4: The Lord Jesus - His Second Coming.



*Suggested Further Reading: • Titus 2: 11- 14 • Philippians 3: 20 & 21*



**READ:**  
John 14: 1-6  
& Acts 1: 9-11



**KEY VERSES:**  
1 Thessalonians  
4: 16 & 17

The Ascension of the Lord Jesus could have been one of the saddest days in the life of the disciples. They had been so thrilled when, after His death on the cross, He had been raised from the dead and had come back to them. The occasions, after His resurrection, when He had appeared to the disciples would always have special memories for them. Now He had ascended to Heaven and they thought they would never see Him again!

We concluded the last study with some great promises.

**Q: Look at Acts 1: 11 and write out the promise the disciples were given after the Lord Jesus had ascended.**

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**Q: From the second Bible Reading answer TRUE OR FALSE to the following:-**

Darkness hid the Lord Jesus from the disciples.

Two men spoke to the disciples.

They said the Lord Jesus had been taken to Jerusalem.

They said Jesus would come again in the same way as He had gone.

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Whilst these men had given a very definite promise concerning the "Coming Again" of the Lord Jesus, they did not give a DATE or a TIME! If the disciples had really listened and understood what the Lord Jesus had told them previously, this would have been no surprise, they had heard it before! He was coming back again!

**Q: Turn to the first Bible Reading and write out the FOUR WORDS which sum up the same promise.**

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In the previous chapter (John 13) the disciples had been told some very sad things by the Lord Jesus.

**Q: Look at John 13: 21 & 26-27, also 13: 33-38 and answer these questions.**

What terrible thing was one of the disciples going to do?

Which disciple did Jesus indicate that would be?

What sad thing did Jesus say about Himself? (v. 33)

What did the Lord Jesus say they must do whilst He was away?

Which disciple would disown Jesus?

What did Jesus said he would do?

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Can you imagine how the disciples must have felt? They must have been devastated. Betrayed! Denied! Going away! What was happening?

**Q:** Write **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** what was the advice of the Lord Jesus to them? (14: 1)

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**Q:** Fill in the missing words in the spaces to discover the good news the Lord Jesus gave them.

In my ..... house are many.....; if it were not so, .....would have told you. I am ..... there to prepare a ..... for you. And if I go and .....a place for you, I will come back and..... you to be with .....that you also may be where I am.

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The Lord Jesus is going away. He has already explained He is going to die, be raised again, and then go to Heaven which He describes as His Father's House. There His work will be to prepare a place for all who trust in Him as their Saviour and Lord. He is doing that right now! Over the years since the Lord Jesus made this statement, thousands of Christians have died and "gone to be with the Lord". In that way His Promise has been fulfilled. However these verses explain that He has promised to come back and taken some who have never died into His presence as well! This must have been a great encouragement to the disciples.

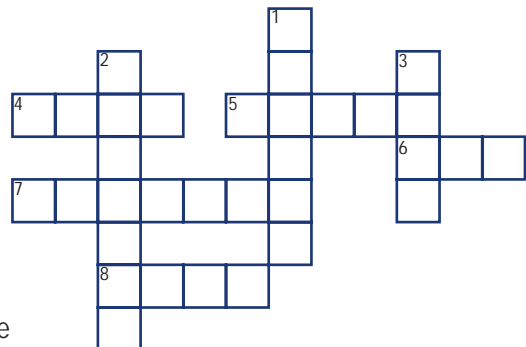
**This coming again of the Lord Jesus is called the 'Second Coming'**

Paul was given special insight into all that will happened when Jesus comes again, and this is described in the Key Verses.

**Q:** Use the Key Verses to fill in the CROSSWORD.

**Clues across**

4. We shall meet the .....
5. The ..... of the archangel
6. Christians shall meet the Lord there.
7. The Lord will come with a loud ..... (another word for order)
8. We shall be with the Lord for .....



**Clues down**

1. Christians will meet together in these
2. There will be the .....call of God
3. Those who will rise first

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The timing of this great event is unknown to men, and angels, only God knows. When it does happen, it will be sudden and unexpected, and then there will be no time or opportunity to make a last minute decision to follow the Lord Jesus. If we trust Him we are ready to meet Him when He comes again.

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