

SECTION V. According to the New Testament Jesus appeared to many people after He rose from the dead. He spoke with them, ate with them and taught them. The Books of Acts and 1 Corinthians talk about Jesus' resurrection.

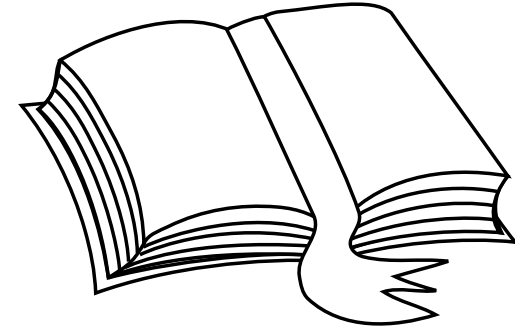
A. Read Acts 10:39-41.

1. Who is testifying to Jesus' resurrection here?
2. What did Jesus do when He was with the apostles?
3. Why do you think it is important that we know that Jesus ate and drank with them?

B. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-14. Why does Paul say that if Christ hasn't come back to life, the Christian faith and the Bible's message have no meaning?

C. Read John 11:25-26.

1. What is your answer to Jesus' question?
2. How might a positive answer to this question change the way you think about death?



JESUS AND ETERNAL LIFE

SECTION I. Introduction

- A. Do you think almost everyone is afraid of dying? Why?
- B. What do you think will happen to you when you die?
- C. If you have a religious tradition, what does it teach about death and what will happen to us after death?

SECTION II. The Bible has many things to say about what happens to us when we die.

- A. The Old Testament speaks in several places about this.
 1. Read Psalm 16:11. Here David is talking to God.
 - a. What does David say God does for him?
 - b. According to David, how long will his happiness in being with God last?

2. Now read Isaiah 26:19.

- a. What does Isaiah say will happen to the dead?
- b. How will the dead feel when they are revived (resurrected)?

B. In the New Testament, Jesus also talked about eternal life.

1. Read John 10:27-28. Here Jesus speaks of us. He calls us His *sheep*.

- a. What do you think it means for us to respond to Jesus' voice and follow him?
- b. According to the passage, what does Jesus do?
- c. What does this say about Jesus' hold on us?

2. Read John 3:16.

- a. Why did God the Father send Jesus, His Son, to earth?
- b. What must we do in order to receive eternal life?

c. What does God's gift of His Son, Jesus, mean in your life?

SECTION III. Jesus spoke a number of times about His death and what would happen after His death. Read Matthew 17:22-23.

- A. What did Jesus tell the disciples would happen to Him?
- B. How did the disciples feel about what Jesus told them would happen to Him in the future?

SECTION IV. Christians believe that Jesus' prophecy came true. It happened as Jesus had said it would happen. Jesus died on the cross, and then He rose from the dead three days later. Read Mark 16:1-8.

- A. What was the first surprise that the women had when they went to Jesus' tomb?
- B. What did they expect to see in the tomb, and what was actually there?
- C. What did the young man tell the women?
- D. What did the young man ask the women to do?
- E. What did they actually do and why did they do it?