

We Can Know the Truth about Jesus' Resurrection
(John 8:31-32)

Introduction:

1. On this occasion Jesus said that His disciples can know something very special -- "the truth."
2. Jesus also revealed the key to knowing the truth -- "continuing in His word."
3. A special blessing is associated with knowing the truth -- it makes us "free."
4. In our lesson we are searching the Lord's word so "we can know the truth about Jesus' resurrection."

Discussion:

- I. WE KNOW WHO RAISED JESUS FROM THE GRAVE
 - A. According to the Lord's word, God raised His Son from the grave.
 - B. Peter made this very clear in Acts 2:22-24, 32; 3:14-15, 26.
- II. WE KNOW WHEN GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE GRAVE
 - A. God raised Jesus on the 3rd day after He was crucified.
 1. Jesus predicted that this would happen (Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23).
 2. According to the Lord's word,:
 - a. Jesus died and was buried on the day of preparation [Friday] (John 19:42)
 - b. His body remained in the tomb over the Sabbath [Saturday]
 - c. He arose on the 3rd day [Sunday].
 - B. God raised Jesus on the 1st day of the week [Sunday] (Luke 24:1-8).
- III. WE KNOW WHO SAW JESUS AFTER GOD RAISED HIM
 - A. Mary Magdalene saw Jesus first (Mark 16:9; John 20).
 - B. Jesus appeared to 2 others (Mark 16:12; Luke 24).
 - C. Jesus was seen by the apostles and others (Acts 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8).
- IV. WE KNOW WHAT JESUS ACCOMPLISHED WHEN GOD RAISED HIM
 - A. Jesus was "declared to be the Son of God with power" (Romans 1:1-4).
 - B. Jesus was raised "for our justification" (Romans 4:24-25; 1 Corinthians 6:11).
 - C. Through Jesus' resurrection we have hope (1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-23).

Conclusion:

1. By continuing in the Lord's word "we can know the truth about Jesus' resurrection."
2. In closing, let us consider 2 additional passages that explain how Jesus' resurrection relates to our salvation.
 - a. First, we must believe that God raised Jesus from the grave to be saved (Romans 10:8-11).
 - b. Second, the Lord saves us when we are raised with Him in baptism (Romans 6:3-11).