

THE PHOENIX



- ✘ While the Phoenix is not a *real* bird, what is important is what it teaches us.
- ✘ The Church has always used the Phoenix to teach about what is called the Resurrection of the dead.
- ✘ The story of the Phoenix is that when it dies, it rises from the ashes of its death. This teaches us about the resurrection of Jesus and so also our resurrection. The Phoenix dies and then it is reborn from the ashes of its death.
- ✘ Jesus too died but, in His death, He conquered death. **THAT MEANS** that when we die, we too will be raised from the dead on the last day!
- ✘ As we talked about yesterday. Jesus Christ, who is God's Son and our Savior , died for the sin of the world on the Holy Cross. The reason that Jesus died is so that He could destroy death. When Jesus destroyed death, it couldn't keep Him, so He rose from the dead (that's what we celebrate at Easter).

How do the following bible passages teach about the resurrection of Jesus?

- John 20:1-9
- Matthew 28:1-8

How do the following bible passages teach about our resurrection?

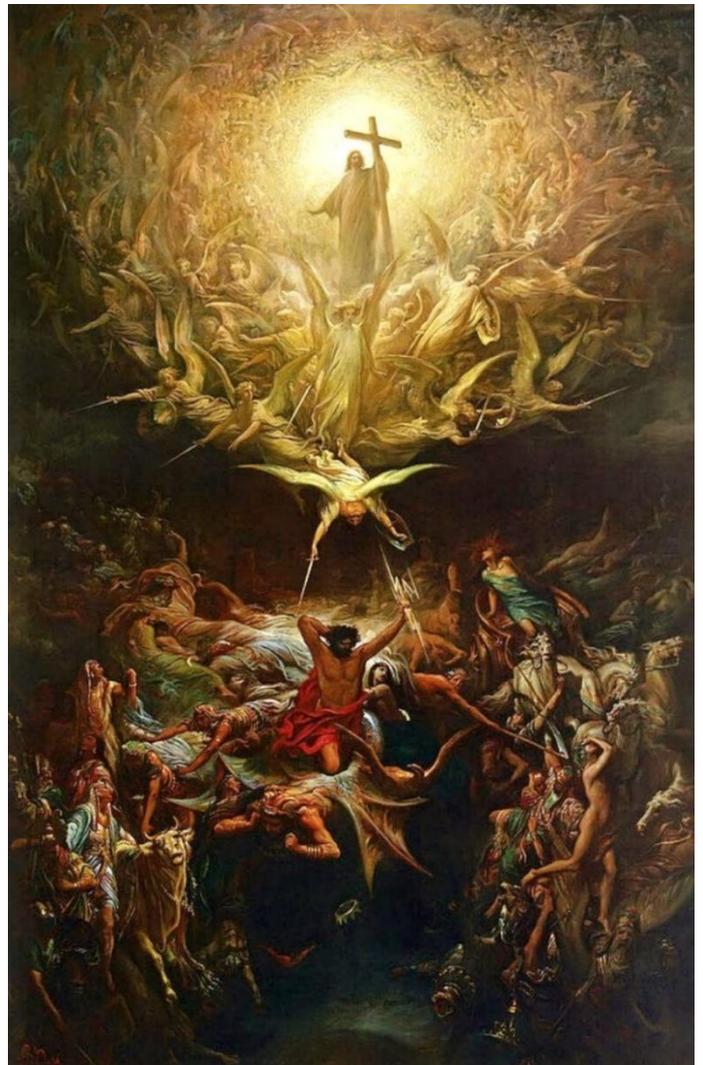
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-21, 51-57
- Ezekiel 37:1-14

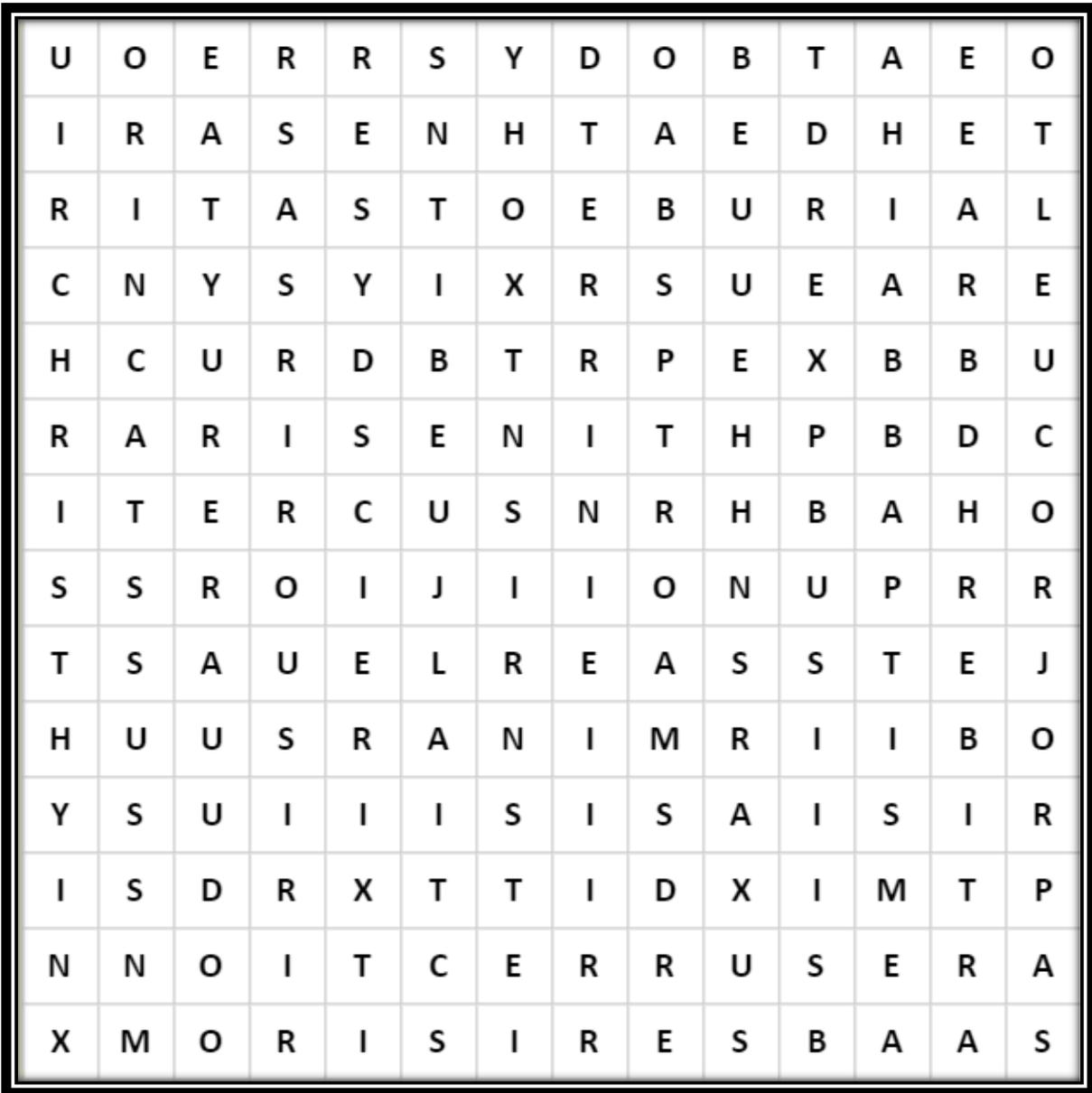
Answer the following Questions and find the words in the search:

- ⊗ What is the missing word in the refrain for today's hymn (extra points if you sing it!)

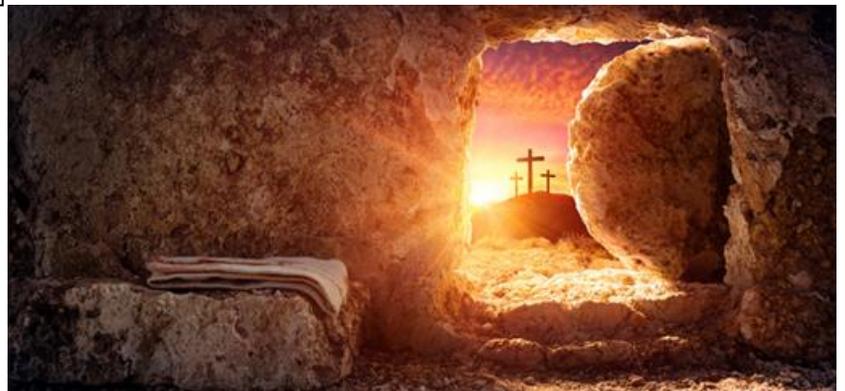
♪♪ Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ _____,
_____, _____;
But now has Christ
_____!♪♪

- ⊗ But in fact _____ has been _____ from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:20)
- ⊗ Because of Christ's death and resurrection, and the Sacrament of Holy _____, we will participate in the Resurrection from the dead.
- ⊗ For if we have been united with him in a _____ like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a _____ like his (Romans 6:5)
- ⊗ Because the _____ of the Christian will be raised from the dead, Christian _____ is always taken very seriously
- ⊗ The _____ is an ancient image for the Resurrection from the dead.
- ⊗ The angel said You seek _____ of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. (Mark 16:6)





ARISEN BAPTISM BODY
BURIAL CHRIST DEATH
JESUS PHOENIX RAISED
RESURRECTION



Fill in the blanks from 1 Corinthians 15:14-21

if _____ has not been _____, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the _____ are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your _____ is futile and you are still in your _____. ¹⁸ Then those also who have _____ _____ in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But _____ Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came _____, by a man has come also the _____ of the dead.

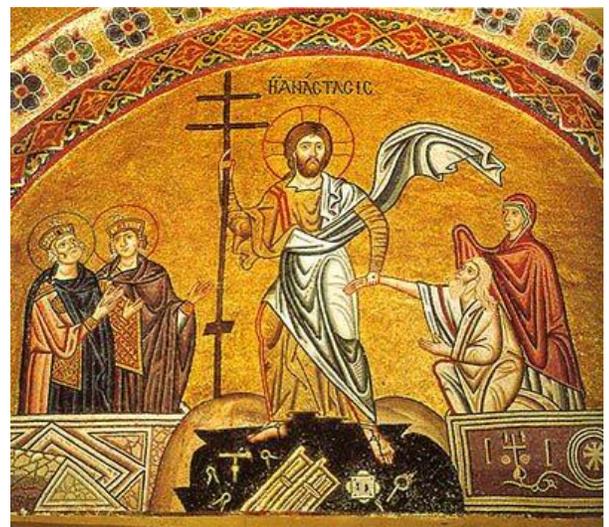
Word Bank:

Resurrection.
Raised. Dead.
Fallen asleep.
Faith. In fact.
Sins. Christ.

Here is some Christian Poetry for you to consider.

(some of the words sound weird because it is really really old!)

DEATH, BE NOT PROUD, THOUGH SOME HAVE CALLED
THEE
MIGHTY AND DREADFUL, FOR THOU ART NOT SO;
FOR THOSE WHOM THOU THINK'ST THOU DOST
OVERTHROW
DIE NOT, POOR DEATH, NOR YET CANST THOU KILL ME.
FROM REST AND SLEEP, WHICH BUT THY PICTURES BE,
MUCH PLEASURE; THEN FROM THEE MUCH MORE MUST
FLOW,
AND SOONEST OUR BEST MEN WITH THEE DO GO,
REST OF THEIR BONES, AND SOUL'S DELIVERY.
THOU ART SLAVE TO FATE, CHANCE, KINGS, AND
DESPERATE MEN,
AND DOST WITH POISON, WAR, AND SICKNESS DWELL,
AND POPPY OR CHARMS CAN MAKE US SLEEP AS WELL
AND BETTER THAN THY STROKE; WHY SWELL'ST THOU
THEN?
ONE SHORT SLEEP PAST, WE WAKE ETERNALLY
AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE; DEATH, THOU SHALT
DIE.



What does this poem teach you about death and the resurrection from the dead?

Christian Art Contest!

Color in the sketch of today's mascot to match the original and have it sent to Vicar to compete with the other students for a prize! The best drawings at the end of the week wins a prize!

