

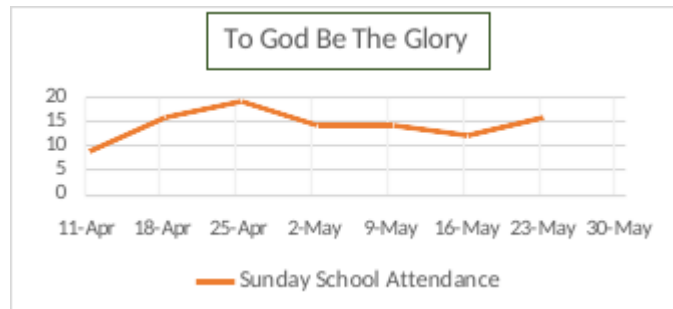
Welcome and Announcements

The church reopening guidelines have been updated as follows:

In alignment with the latest CDC and NC guidelines, mask wearing is now voluntary. It is recommended that those who have not been fully vaccinated continue to wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose while inside the building, but that will be at their own discretion. Any adult that works with children in a classroom (that are not their own) should wear a mask while in the room with them.

We are currently meeting in-person for 10:00 am Sunday School and 11:00 am Worship.

Last week's Sunday School attendance = 16



Introduction

This week's lesson focuses on Jesus' post-resurrection appearance to His disciples and His commission to proclaim the Gospel (Luke 24:36-49). Here we'll briefly consider the significance and the power of His resurrection.

The Power of Jesus' Resurrection

⁴And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: **Romans 1:4**

The resurrection proved Jesus to be the Son of God.

⁴For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

2 Corinthians 13:4

Jesus humbled himself to death on the cross (Philippians 2:8), and because He lives, we shall live also (John 14:19).

¹⁹And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **Ephesians 1:19-20**

What a comfort to know God's incomparable power, demonstrated in the resurrection; for Jesus is now our Mediator in heaven who also strengthens and guides us to live for Him now.

⁹And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: ¹⁰That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, **Philippians 3:9-10a**

Only through faith in Jesus' atoning death and the power of His resurrection can we be found righteous and assured of our own incorruptible and immortal future.

¹⁴And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

1 Corinthians 6:14

Jesus' resurrection provides the assurance of our own resurrection and eternal life with Him.

Lyrics to "Resurrection Power" as sung by the Mylon Hayes Family

Sunday morning, in Jerusalem

Three days since Jesus, died for our sins

But somethings happened, at the tomb where He lay

He came forth, when the stone rolled away

I don't serve a dead Savior, I don't have a dead faith

He's alive and so am I, brought forth from the grave

There is victory for the claiming, every day and every hour

Raised to live for evermore, in resurrection power

Now I'm no longer, what I used to be

My past is buried, and my soul is free

Even death can never take my lasting hope

Heaven's mine for my Redeemer arose

I don't serve a dead Savior, I don't have a dead faith

He's alive and so am I, brought forth from the grave

There is victory for the claiming, every day and every hour

Raised to live for evermore, in resurrection power

Hell is defeated, He's broken every chain

Praise God the tomb is empty today

I don't serve a dead Savior, I don't have a dead faith

He's alive and so am I, brought forth from the grave

There is victory for the claiming, every day and every hour

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Conclusion

Jesus willingly submitted to death on the cross to cover our sins. He had said *"I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again"* (John 10:17b-18a). The resurrection demonstrated His power to save and give life to those that believe and trust Him in faith. As the living Lord He ever lives to make intercession for us (Romans 8:34) and provides power for our witness which must include the truth of Jesus' resurrection. *"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all"* (Acts 4:33).