

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 1, Week 13 :: **The Victorious King**

Treasure Story: Matthew 28

The saying “You wouldn’t believe it even if you saw it” had to have been something Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James would have thought as they went to tell the disciples what they had witnessed at Jesus’ tomb. Just three days earlier, Jesus died a brutal, painful death, but He was no longer in the grave. He was alive! He had conquered sin and death just as He said He would. Now His disciples had a powerful testimony that they could share with the nations.

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“The resurrection completes the inauguration of God’s kingdom . . . It is the decisive event demonstrating that God’s kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven.”

– N. T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*, pg. 234

Hundreds if not thousands of people witnessed Jesus’ death, but He is no longer in the grave. Jesus was victorious over death, and He conquered death to reveal to His people that He is the Messiah. Jesus then revealed Himself to His disciples and commissioned them to take His Gospel to the ends of the earth. Think about Jesus’ resurrection and about the Great Commission as you lead your family in the following activities:

- **Following Jesus’ Command:** Jesus gave His followers the command to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20a). Obedience to this command starts right in our own backyards. As a family, list five to ten people in your lives who need Jesus to save them. Pray for these people and make specific plans to go tell them about Jesus and His resurrection.
- **On Mission:** Jesus does want us to reach our friends and family, but He also wants us to go to other places or countries to spread the good news of His resurrection. As a family, pray over the possibility of going to another country to spread the good news of salvation in Jesus. Perhaps God will ask your whole family to take a mission trip together. Maybe God will lead just one of you to take a trip, or perhaps He will ask your family to give sacrificially to send others to the foreign mission field. Be willing to be used by God.

My Mission As Parent

- We are given the great responsibility as parents to teach our children about the Gospel. This means that we are to teach them daily about Jesus, not just mention His name once or twice a year during important Christian holidays. Make sure you are taking every opportunity to teach your children the Gospel of Jesus.
- Are you living out your faith in your community? God wants us to be making disciples at all times. What a great example we can be to our children if we trust God and live out His command to reach others for His kingdom.

Prayer Points

- Pray for friends and family members who have not yet trusted Jesus as Savior. Pray that God will stir your hearts to share the good news with them.
- Pray for the missionaries around the world who have gone to reach the nations for Christ. Pray that the Lord will give them boldness to proclaim the Gospel.
- Praise God for sending Jesus to die for us and that Jesus rose on the third day so that we have the opportunity to become God’s children.