

1. WE HAVE HOPE BEYOND THE _____

- A. What makes the resurrection so special is that Death is no longer the source of ______ or fear.
- B. Death is a barrier between us and the _____.
- C. In Jerusalem, various psalms were sung as part of the daily temple liturgy.
 - On Monday it was Psalm 48; Tuesday, Psalm 82; Wednesday, Psalm 94; Thursday, Psalm 81; Friday, Psalm 93; and on the Sabbath, Psalm 92.
 - 2. But on Sunday, according to tradition, they sang **Psalm 24**.
 - 3. "Coincidence is God's way of ______ anonymous."
- D. You see the Temple had 3 main areas: the courts, the Holy Place (where the priests could enter), and the Most Holy Place (where the high priest would enter once a year to atone for the sins of the people).
 - As they sang *Psalm 24*, the ______ ft. tall by 30 ft. wide, ______-inch thick veil hung torn in two.

2. WE HAVE HOPE BECAUSE THE ______ IS THE LORD'S. Psalm 24:1-2

- A. So this planet spins through space, chasing around the Sun, carrying its human load of guilt and sin, <u>one colossal graveyard</u>. it has been invaded.
- B. Earth has been chosen, but not _____. Help is on the way: the Earth is the Lord's!

3. WE HAVE HOPE BECAUSE JESUS IS WORTHY. Psalm 24:3-6

Selah - "Pause and calmly think about that." John Phillips says it means "to pause and lift up," [and] can be freely rendered: "<u>There! What do you think</u> of that?" **Selah** is such a beautiful and powerful reminder to us that the Bible - all of God's Word - should be received with such depth and ______.

4. WE HAVE HOPE BECAUSE JESUS SATISFIED THE WRATH OF GOD. *Psalm* 24:7-10

- A. The 1st Challenge
- B. The 2nd Challenge

C.S. Lewis, a once renowned atheist who came to believe in Jesus Christ, said, *"Jesus was either a liar, lunatic, or He was and is God!"*

Connection Group Questions Further Study on the Sermon from April 17, 2022

- Whatever I feed, GROWS. Especially if we are living in a season of fear and uncertainty. The disciples and first followers were also experienceing great fear and uncertainty in the days following the crucifixion.
- Then Sunday came, and their HOPE was restored. Because of the Resurrection, Sunday has come for us all. Salvation and hope are here for us all. Our God meets us right where we are and brings ressurection to the dead areas of our lives.
- 1. What are the dead areas of your life that need resurrection today?
- 2. Would it make any difference if Jesus did not rise from the dead physically? Would you still believe the Bible, if certain historical events never took place? Would it make any difference to your faith if you woke up one day and read in the newspaper that some archaeologist discovered the bones of Jesus? Would that affect your faith as a Christian? Would you believe anyway? The Apostle Paul said that if Jesus did not rise from the dead, it would make a big difference. In fact, he said that if Jesus did not rise from the dead, we have five problems. What are the five results of denying the resurrection of Christ? Read **1** Corinthians 15:12-19.
- 3. Last week, Pastor Lucas challenged the church to fast for 3 days. What did you fast from? Was this your first time? What was the experience like?
- 4. How is your faith in Jesus transforming your life? ...your thoughts, your actions, your habits, your goals, your perspectives?
- 5. What is your resurrection story? What was your life like before you accepted Jesus as your Savior? What were you saved from? Share it with someone this week!