

The Importance of Remembrance  
Joshua 24:22-33

Review:

1. Memorials are important because memories, like people, don't last forever
2. Memorials are only helpful if they point us back to words, specifically God's Word
3. We need to remember the promises God has made to us and the promises we have made to God

Go Further: Read I Corinthians 15:1-4

1. In verse 1, what message does Paul say he has preached to the Corinthians? How does Paul describe their reaction to it?
2. In verse 2, what effect does Paul say his message has? What do his listeners have to do in order for the message to have this effect?
3. In verse 3, what does Paul say is of first importance? How did he learn the truth he preached?
4. In verse 4, what does Paul say happened to Jesus after He died?

Read Isaiah 53:4-12

5. What reason does Isaiah 53:4-6 give for the death of Christ?
6. In I Corinthians 15:3-4, Paul says Christ's death and burial were fulfillments of Old Testament Scripture. What details of Jesus' crucifixion and burial can you identify in Isaiah 53:7-9?
7. I Corinthians 15:4 says that Christ's Resurrection was also a fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures. How does Isaiah 53:10-11 point to the Resurrection?

Read I Corinthians 15:5-11

8. In verses 5-7, Paul lists many eyewitnesses to the Resurrection. Why is their testimony so important for us today?
9. Some "scholars" suggest that those who saw Christ alive after His crucifixion were simply victims of a mass hallucination or engaging in wish fulfillment. How do verses 5-8 make that explanation impossible?
10. To whom does Paul say in verse 8 that Jesus appeared?
11. Why does Paul say in verse 9 that he did not deserve to be called an apostle?
12. How does Paul say his life has been transformed in verses 10 and 11? What caused this change?
13. How does the change in Paul's life give us reason to believe in the truth of Christ's Resurrection?

Apply:

1. Why do you think it is so important that the death and resurrection of Christ fulfill ancient prophecies? What hope and assurance do you draw from this great truth?
2. How does the witness of the apostles to the life, death, and resurrection of Christ help to build your faith in Him?
3. How does remembering the great facts of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection make a difference in your life today?