



## JESUS' RESURRECTION PROVES YOU MATTER TO GOD

### Lesson Two: There's a Promise for You

#### Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:18-27

*Movie: 7:08 – 12:14*

*[Identify several questions to pause for deeper discussion in small groupings with a few points to share with all.]*

The original created world was completely perfect with none of the evil, sadness, pain, or death we experience today. It displayed the glory and love of God. It was an environment in which the peace and joy of the relationship between individuals and their Creator were fully realized without interruption.

1. Illustrate how the details of God's created world and the wonders of nature demonstrate that we matter to God.

Satan works behind the scenes (Ephesians 6:12) to unravel harmony and peace and entices hearts to turn from God. The devil deceives people to think that there is something better than what God offers. Adam and Eve's disobedience against God's loving leadership filled this world with turmoil.

2. Compare the emotions Adam and Eve must have felt when they sinned with similar feelings we experience today.
3. Evaluate the different ideas or attempts throughout history to get rid of evil and unrest and develop a paradise on earth.
4. Determine lessons the Flood teaches about God's perspective of the outbreak of evil and violence in the world.
  - a. 📖 Luke 17:26-30
  - b. 📖 2 Peter 3:1-13

#### Read the Accounts ADAM & NOAH

Creation:

- Genesis 2

Origin and Impact of Sin and Evil:

- Genesis 3

God Protects Noah:

- Genesis 8

*What most impacts you in these accounts?*


#### Study Further

The impact of disobedience:

- Romans 1:18-24
- Romans 5:12-19


*What do these tell you about the sin?*

There is rebellion against God that lies deep in every heart. Even the most righteous man is capable of evil. Yet God didn't turn his back on Adam and Eve. Neither did he completely abandon mankind at the Flood even though "every inclination of man's heart is evil from childhood" (Genesis 6:5; 8:21b).

5.  **Read 2 Peter 2:4-10a and 1 Peter 3:18-22** and indicate how God shows that Noah AND YOU matter to God.

6. Underline those phrases in the passage below that reveal our natural condition and comment on how it helps us understand God's mercy and grace.


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 **Ephesians 2:1-5** *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*

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7. God determined to restore the relationships of paradise. Compare the difference between Adam and Jesus and their impact on humanity.

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 **1 Corinthians 15:19-23** *If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. <sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.*

 **Romans 5:15** *But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!*

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8. Indicate what brings you peace in the passages below and show you matter to the risen Jesus.

a. Acts 10:34-43

b. Romans 8:31-39

9. Write a two-sentence response to others that captures how Jesus brings peace into your daily life. (Use it in your daily conversations.)

**God's Covenant Promise**

Her seed ... will crush his head:

- Genesis 3:15

I will set my rainbow in the clouds:

- Genesis 9:9-16

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Peace

*"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:1-2).*