

**April 11 – 17, 2009**  
**DON'T GIVE UP – PART 2**  
**THE RESURRECTION**

In this lesson you will learn about the power and importance of the resurrection.

- I. What resurrection means.
  - A. The same power that raised Christ from the dead dwells in every believer. What raised Him from the dead has raised us from death to life. We are resurrection people! Resurrection works inside of us every day and every moment.
  
- II. What Jesus said about the resurrection – John 11:1-44.
  - A. When Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus died, before Jesus raised him from the dead, He told them, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" v.25.
  
- III. Through the resurrection we are delivered – 2 Corinthians 1:9-10.
  - A. He delivered us, does deliver us, and still delivers us.
  
- IV. Jesus foretold His death, burial, and resurrection.
  - A. Matthew 20:17-19, 21:1-11 - Everything in our relationship with God hinges on the resurrection. It is the core of Christianity and the central theme of everything that makes the Bible come alive.
  
- V. The importance of the resurrection.
  - A. 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 – If Christ did not rise from the dead your faith is futile.
  - B. Romans 1:4 – By the resurrection He was declared the Son of God.
  - C. Luke 24:46-47 – It was necessary for Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day so repentance and remission of sins could be preached.
  
- VI. The apostles preached the resurrection.
  - A. Acts 2:22-36 – Peter preached the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
  - B. Acts 3:13-16 – Peter again preaches the resurrection.
  - C. Acts 4:10-12 – Peter preaches the resurrection to the religious leaders.
  - D. Acts 17:29-34 – Paul said some will mock you when you speak on the resurrection.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- When did you learn that the resurrection was the central theme of Christianity?
- How has that revelation helped you live in the power of the resurrection?
- Do you share the resurrection of Christ with others?

**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

Begin to see yourself as a resurrected person and rise above your circumstances.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:** John 11:25 – "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."