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**EASTER
MATERIAL**

KING OF KINGS

Week 3: The Resurrected King

Bible: Matthew 27:57–28:20; Romans 3:23, 10:9; Acts 2:22–24, I Corinthians 15:12–19

Bottom Line: Jesus conquered death to bring you life

TEACH

Today is a special day because we are going to talk about the most important event in the history of the world—Christ’s resurrection.

The people believed Jesus had come to save them, and to begin a new kingdom in Jerusalem. They had placed all their hope in Jesus, and now He was dead. If you were one of Jesus’ disciples, how do you think you’d be feeling at this time? They were so disappointed and scared that they scattered and abandoned Jesus. As we’ll see in a minute, they weren’t even around to bury His body.

It had to be a time of sadness and disappointment. Everything they believed just seemed to fade away when Jesus died. There was no hope.

Let’s look at the Gospel of Matthew and read what happened after Jesus died on the cross. [Matthew 27:57–66](#) says:

[As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.](#)

[The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”](#)

[“Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.](#)

When Jesus died, there was no one around but a stranger to give Him a proper burial. Joseph had become a follower of Jesus, but he was not one of the disciples that spent every day with Him. Just 5 days earlier, there were people lining the streets shouting, "Hosanna, Hosanna!" Where were those people now?

Jesus was laid in the tomb and a stone was rolled in front of the entrance. Not only is Jesus dead, but now He is dead and buried. Once the stone was in place, the people really believed it was all over, but the religious leaders were still worried that something would happen.

Even though it seemed to be over, the priests and Pharisees were still scared of what would happen next. They had seen Jesus do miraculous things, so they did not want to take any chances. They placed the guards at the tomb to make sure the disciples did not come to steal the body of Jesus.

Jesus is dead. His body is sealed in the tomb. A Roman soldier guards the tomb. The hope that was placed in Jesus as the One who would save the world is dead and sealed in the tomb with Him. But that was all about to change. Here is what Matthew 28:1–10 says:

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

When God created the universe, it was on the 1st day of the week that He commanded the light to shine out of the darkness. Christ arose from the grave on the 1st day of week. He was the light of the world coming to shine in darkness.

The most amazing part is that the women were “afraid, yet filled with joy.” They still did not fully understand what was going on, but their hope had been brought back. Just then, Jesus met them. Can you imagine how they felt in that moment? To have seen Jesus being laid in the tomb, and to now see Him standing right in front of you?

Jesus commanded the ladies to go and gather the disciples. Jesus appeared many times throughout the next 40 days, and then He had one last meeting with the 11 remaining disciples. Imagine being one of the 11 going to see Jesus and hearing Him give them their final mission. Listen to Christ’s words from [Matthew 28:16–20](#):

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

A few years back there was a very popular movie called *Braveheart*. It was a rough movie to watch because of all the violence, so many of you probably didn’t see it. The story was a true story about a man from Scotland named William Wallace. The people of Scotland were slaves to England, but William Wallace wanted his people to experience freedom. He went to war with England, and he won many impressive victories. In the movie, Wallace is captured and is sentenced to be tortured and killed. As they torture him, the soldiers tell him that all he has to do to receive mercy is take back everything he had said and done against England. As he is dying, he takes one last deep breath and gets ready to speak. Everyone thinks he will cry out for mercy, but instead he screams at the top of his lungs “FREEDOM!”

There were two of William’s friends standing in the crowd and they were amazed at what had just happened. They had heard his final words, and they, too, were ready to die so that Scotland could have freedom. As the movie ends, it shows those two men on the battlefield charging towards the English soldiers. They were finishing the job. The last words of William Wallace had inspired them to charge against the enemy and win freedom for their people.

The final words of Jesus are even more powerful and inspiring. He isn’t just speaking to the 11 disciples; he is speaking to every follower of Christ. He

tells us to *make disciples*. We are to take the story of Jesus to everyone we know so that they can experience life; so they can experience FREEDOM!

CLOSING

The resurrection is the most important part of Christianity. If Jesus had died on the cross for sins but not resurrected, it would have only been a nice gesture. People may have remembered Him for His teachings and for His willingness to die, but He would still just be another dead guy.

The announcement of the angel gives us the full power of God's plan for salvation. The angel said, "He is not here. He is risen!" With those words, the world was changed. Jesus is not dead; He is alive. He was a resurrected Savior. **Jesus conquered death to bring you life.**

The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 that the punishment for our sin is death. Jesus took our punishment upon himself at the cross. His death paid the price for our sins. Then, His resurrection overcame death. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." If we will accept what Jesus did for us, the Bible says that we will be saved. Our punishment has been taken away, and we are given new life, eternal life. Believing in the resurrection of Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God. **Jesus conquered death to bring you life.**

GOSPEL PRESENTATION

Present the Gospel in a clear, understandable way for students. Include an opportunity for response.

Pray and dismiss to small groups.

SMALL GROUP

Discuss the following questions in small groups:

1. What do you think the disciples were thinking and feeling when Jesus was laid in the tomb?
2. What are some possible reasons for why the disciples did not believe Jesus would rise from the grave?
3. What feelings do you think the women felt when they saw the angel and the empty tomb? What about when they met Jesus?
4. If you met Jesus that morning, what would you have said to Him?
5. Why do you think Jesus' resurrection was not witnessed by anyone? What could God be trying to teach us through this fact? (*We don't have to see to believe*)

6. How does no eyewitness account of Jesus' resurrection affect our faith in Him? Does it take more or less faith?
7. Read Acts 2:22–24. What does this passage teach us about the resurrection?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12–19. What are 2 reasons given for why the resurrection is important?
9. What is the significance of the resurrection in your life?

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

A LETTER TO A FRIEND

Supplies: stationary, pens

Give each student a sheet of stationary and a pen. Explain to students that they are to imagine that they were actually there at Jesus burial and resurrection. Instruct them to write a letter to a relative or friend that describes the events of His burial and the events of His resurrection. Encourage them to use plenty of adjectives to describe how they were feeling at each moment of that weekend. You might want to write your own letter before small group and share it as an example.

When finished, give students time to share their letters with the small group if they choose to do so. Don't force them to read their letters, as some may not be as confident in their writing or use of descriptive language.

KING OF KINGS

Week 4: The King of Kings

Bible: Colossians 2:15; Romans 8:34; 37–39; Revelation 19:11–21; Revelation 4; Daniel 7:13–14; 2 Peter 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–18

Bottom Line: Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. He is our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

TEACH

Begin large group by having a student or an adult read the dramatic monologue titled “Supremacy of Christ” by Dr. Richard Ross. Set the mood for the monologue by dimming the lights and playing instrumental music at a low volume. The added touches will help students to stay engaged throughout the whole monologue.

(The monologue is attached to the end of the lesson)

Welcome to the fourth and final week of our series *King of Kings*. We’ve had an exciting adventure so far, and today will be just as exciting.

Every word of the monologue you just heard came from Scripture. It is the story of Christ taken from several books of the Bible. These verses are powerful because they show us that Christ always has been and always will be the King of Kings.

Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. He is our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

He was king in the beginning, and He is king right now. **Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. He is our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

After Jesus rose from the grave, He appeared to His disciples and others for a total of 40 days. After those 40 days, Jesus ascended into Heaven where there was a coronation of Jesus as King of Kings. A coronation is a ceremony where a king is given authority, power, and a crown. Jesus received all of this from God the Father, and He was seated at the right hand of God.

This is an amazing part of the Bible that we often overlook. We all know that Jesus died on the cross and that He rose from the grave. However, we tend to overlook the fact that Jesus is now sitting at the right of hand of God, and He is ruling the world as the victorious King of Kings.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has conquered Satan and sin. Colossians 2:15 says, "And [Christ] having disarmed the powers and authorities [of Satan], he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

Hold up defused grenade

Satan is like a grenade that, if fully armed, could be deadly. But, in fact, like this grenade, Satan has been *disarmed*. The evil forces that the Bible speaks about are real, and they are still present. But we must not be afraid of those evil forces because Jesus has taken all their power away through His death and resurrection. We can stand up against them because we have been given the victory through Jesus Christ. His power that defeated Satan has been given to all those that place their faith in Him. Listen to the power in these verses that Paul wrote:

Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:34; 37–39)

Just as the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ sits as King at the right hand of God, it also tells us that He will be coming back some day. He will return as King of Kings and everyone, believers and unbelievers, will get to see Him for who He really is.

John gives us the best picture of Jesus returning as King of Kings. In Revelation 19:11–16, John shares the vision that God gave him of this event.

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse whose rider is called Faithful and True...His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns...He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God. Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations...On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:11–16(emphasis and edits added))

When Christ returns there will be no doubt that He is King of Kings. His power will be on display for everyone to see, and they will be convinced that He is Lord. It's an amazing thing to imagine. Until that day, we can live in confidence that Christ is in control. He has conquered sin and given us the victory.

Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. He is our KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

*Always remember that Satan was defeated and disarmed at the Cross. Satan is real and he is still active on earth. His goal is to deceive you, and make you lose faith in what Scripture says. However, every believer has been given power and victory over Satan. We should flee from him and be aware of his tricks, but we do not have to be afraid of him. No matter how sad or difficult or awful our circumstances are—we must remember to look past these *temporary* troubles and look to Jesus. He is our victory. **Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God. He is our KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.** Through Him, we are more than conquerors.*

Pray and dismiss to small groups

SMALL GROUPS

Discuss the following questions in small groups:

1. Describe what you think the coronation of Christ was like.
2. How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ disarm Satan?
3. How should we respond to Satan or evil forces as Christians?
4. Imagine seeing the image that John describes in Revelation 19:11–13. What feelings would you feel if you saw that image?
5. Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God. He is King. How does this change the way you live and think as a Christian?

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity will not be done as a typical small group. Students will have the opportunity to work on a project that will allow them to show what they have learned in this lesson. There will be 4 projects located at 4 different stations. The stations will use different learning styles to help students express what they have learned.

Learning Stations

Supplies: Each station will have their own supply list—see Station Instructions for those supplies

Explain to students that they will have the opportunity to choose a project from 1 of 5 categories. Each category will use a different learning style. Here is a breakdown of each station's learning style:

Puzzle Smart—those who like puzzles, math, problem solving

Word Smart—those who enjoy writing and storytelling

Picture Smart—those who enjoy drawing or using images to tell stories

Music Smart—those who enjoy learning through music and rhythm

Body Smart—those who enjoy drama and/or hands-on art

Give details about each project and where the activity station is located. Then, allow students to choose a project and move to that location. Be sure to have leaders at each location to explain the rules and purpose of the project. The Activity Station Instructions are included at the end of the lesson.

Choose 1 of the following activities:

Instruction Sheet

Activity #1: Word Smart

Supplies: paper and pencils/pens

You will be writing a story about Christ's victory over death or His role as KING OF KINGS from the viewpoint of *one* of the following people or things: one of the disciples; the angels in heaven; the wooden cross, the throne of heaven—or make up your own person or thing.

For ideas, you might want to read:

Revelation 19:11–21 (the King and the battle)

Revelation 4 (the throne)

Daniel 7:13–14, 2 Peter 3:10, and 1 Thessalonians 4:16–18 (vision of Second Coming of Christ).

Write your story on the pages provided for you. If you have time you might want to add illustrations to your story.

Try answering some of these questions to help you get started: You do not have to answer all of them! These are questions just to help you get ideas.

1. Which object or person will you choose as your storyteller?

Will you choose to be one of the disciples? Which one?

Will you choose to be an angel in heaven?

Will you choose to be the wooden cross on which Jesus was crucified?

Will you choose to be one of the defeated demons?

Here are some other ideas: Jesus' mother Mary, the rock in front of the tomb, the blind man who was healed, the angel at the tomb, one of the guards at the tomb, an eyewitness of Jesus' second coming to Earth; the white horse on which Jesus rides at His second coming

2. What does your storyteller (person or object) look like? What color? What age?

3. Where is the person or object when he or it tells the story? At the tomb? At the cross? In heaven? In hell?

4. What does that place look like? What colors are there? What other objects or people or spiritual beings are there?

5. What does your storyteller see? Jesus? A throne? A tomb? A cross? A crowd of people? A dark night? the heavenly clouds?

6. What is happening? What action is the storyteller seeing? Jesus on the Cross? Jesus as

He defeats Satan and the forces of Evil? Jesus as conquering hero?

7. How does the storyteller feel about what is happening? Sad? Excited?

8. What is the title of your story?

Instruction Sheet

Activity #2: Picture Smart

Supplies:

11x 17 paper

Colored pencils/Markers

1. Draw a picture of Jesus as KING OF KINGS. Imagine what Jesus looked like in His victory over death **or** what He will look like returning as KING OF KINGS **or** His appearance on the throne of heaven.

2. For ideas, you might want to read:

Revelation 19:11–21 (the King and the battle)

Revelation 4 (the throne)

Daniel 7:13–14, 2 Peter 3:10, and 1 Thessalonians 4:16–18 (vision of Second Coming of Christ).

Supremacy of Christ Monologue

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He is the image of the invisible God. By Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image . . . whom I have created for My glory." She took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and Adam ate. Through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned. And men began to multiply on the face of the land.

But all of us like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way. For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God. The wages of sin is death. The LORD will judge his people. It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (Christ) emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, being made in the likeness of men.

And (Mary) gave birth to her firstborn son. And the Word became flesh. The child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. A bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" The disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus said to them, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. And they will see the son of man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory."

Then men seized Jesus and arrested him and took him to Caiaphas, the high priest. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." "Yes, it is as you say. In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? What do you think?" They answered, "He is worthy of death." And when they came unto the place which is called the skull, there they crucified him.

The LORD was pleased to crush Him. Smitten of God, He laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die

to sin and live to righteousness. Christ died for sins to bring us to God. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb. As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen."

To the apostles Jesus presented Himself alive after His suffering, appearing to them over a period of forty days. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. He was clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like flames of fire. God said, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet. (God) seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And Peter raised his voice and declared to them: "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said "what shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus. The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them one from one another. Then He will also say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels." Then the King will say

to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever! Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. Behold, I am coming soon! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."