

True enthusiasm comes from being filled with the Spirit, and as we strive to do that to which we know God has called us, in conscious dependence upon Him, we will then be able to convey our excitement to others and carry them with us.

Derek Prime and Alistair Begg

(God) penetrates into the inmost being of man, opens the closed heart, softens the hard heart, and circumcises the heart that is uncircumcised. He infuses new qualities into the will, making the dead will alive, the evil one good, the unwilling one willing, and the stubborn one compliant; He activates and strengthens the will so that, like a good tree, it may be enabled to produce the fruits of good deeds.

The Canons of Dort

Divine grace of regeneration does not act in people as if they were blocks and stones; nor does it abolish the will and its properties or coerce a reluctant will by force, but spiritually revives, heals, reforms, and – in a manner at once pleasing and powerful - bends it back.

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From the very first, the conviction that Jesus had been raised from death has been that by which (the Christians') very existence has stood or fallen. There was no other motive to account for them, to explain them... At no point within the New Testament is there any evidence that the Christians stood for an original philosophy of life or an original ethic. Their sole function is to bear witness to what they claim as an event - the raising of Jesus from among the dead... The one really distinctive thing for which the Christians stood was their declaration that Jesus had been raised from the dead according to God's design, and the consequent estimate of Him as in a unique sense Son of God and representative man, and the resulting conception of the way to reconciliation.

C.F.D. Moule

We understand and acknowledge that the Resurrection has placed a glorious crown upon all of Christ's sufferings!

A.W. Tozer

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- 2) The Two Disciples: 24:13-35
- 3) The Eleven Disciples: 24:36-53

- Confusion and disillusionment over Jesus' death, etc.
- Confrontation and rebuke from God
- Instruction by God from the teaching of Jesus and OT
- Proclamation of Kingdom truth with conviction

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# Kids Notes

The Vindication of Jesus, part 1:

## The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *Joseph – the man who buried Jesus - was:*

- A. a Jewish man from Arimathea.
- B. a good and righteous man.
- C. a God fearing man who was longing for God’s Kingdom.
- D. all of the above.

2. *When the women got to Jesus’ grave, they:*

- A. found that the rock covering the grave was rolled away.
- B. found Jesus’ body and anointed it with spices.
- C. did not find Jesus’ body.
- D. A and C above.

3. *The women believed that:*

- A. they had been instructed by angels.
- B. Jesus has risen from the grave.
- C. the disciples needed to know that Jesus was alive.
- D. all of the above.

For Family Discussion: Have you ever been confused about something Jesus taught? How did coming to the truth change your way of living?

Space to Doodle

## Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

JESUS _____	<b>TOTAL:</b> _____
GRAVE _____	_____
WOMEN _____	_____
CONFUSED _____	_____
STORY _____	_____
DISCIPLES _____	_____

## Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

JESUS GRAVE WOMEN CONFUSED PERPLEXED REBUKE TRUTH  
FAITH DISILLUSIONMENT AFRAID STORY DISCIPLES JOSEPH GOOD  
RIGHTEOUS HOLY SABBATH PREPARATION PETER MARVELED SIN  
BELIEF CHRIST LORD VINDICATION CHILDREN SPICES ARIMATHEA

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R A U Y Y L S F D G H K F Q T P W
E G E J R E V I E D R D S N S E O
B S R H C O S I E I A A E F I R M
U K A I T C T L N F L M V T R P E
K T P B I A E S R D N E R E H L N
E S L P B V M A I O I U B S C E I
D B L O R A I I I P T C K I N X H
E E Y A R D T S R H P M A N B E U
S R M U Z D U H N A W O Y T E D O
U E O W O L P R E P A R A T I O N
F T T O L S U O E T H G I R Y O J
N E G I J E S U S S H P E S O J N
O P S V E H O L Y L P G Y J G G L
C I N F J I C H I L D R E N Q V A
D D X X Z V K D N P H T I A F F N
    
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