

The Resurrection and Judgment

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OBJECTIVE Each young man will learn that all of us will be resurrected and brought before the judgment seat of Christ to be judged for our works.

PREPARATION

1. Prayerfully study Luke 24; John 11:19–27, 37–46; Revelation 21:4; Alma 11:40–44; 34:32; 3 Nephi 11:14–15; 18:39; Doctrine and Covenants 20:23–24; 45:51–52; 63:49; 88:104; 129:1–8; and Moses 1:36–39.
2. Materials needed:
 - a. Copies of the scriptures (each young man should bring his own).
 - b. Picture 4, The Resurrected Jesus Christ (62187; Gospel Art Picture Kit 239); and picture 5, Jesus Raising Lazarus from the Dead (62148; Gospel Art Picture Kit 222).
 - c. Pencils for marking scriptures.
3. One week in advance, assign a young man to tell the story of Jesus Christ’s resurrection as found in Luke 24.

**SUGGESTED
LESSON
DEVELOPMENT**

The Promise of the Resurrection Is for Everyone

Picture, scriptures,
and discussion

Display picture 5, Jesus Raising Lazarus from the Dead.

Explain that Jesus had great love for Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha. When Lazarus died, Jesus knew that this was the time he was to show that he possessed power over life and death.

Have one or more young men help in reading John 11:19–27. Explain that in verses 25 and 26, Jesus testified that he would bring about the Resurrection and make eternal life possible.

Have a young man read John 11:37–46.

Ask the young men to imagine how it would be to see a person brought back from the dead.

- Was Lazarus resurrected? (No, he was brought back to mortal life, not immortal life. Lazarus would die again.)

- Who was the first person to be resurrected?

Have a young man reread John 11:25–26.

- What meaning does this scripture have for all of us?

- How do you feel about this scripture?

Picture and report

Display picture 4, The Resurrected Jesus Christ. Then have the previously assigned young man relate the account from Luke 24 of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Reading and
discussion

- What is resurrection?

To help answer this question, have a young man read from the Bible Dictionary in the Latter-day Saint edition of the King James Version of the Bible under the heading “Resurrection.”

- What made the Resurrection necessary?

Allow the young men to respond; if necessary, review the account of the fall of Adam and Eve (see Moses 4). Emphasize that because Adam and Eve brought physical death into the world, we needed a Savior to bring us the Resurrection.

Scripture and
discussion

Have the young men read and mark Moses 1:36–39.

- How is the Resurrection a partial fulfillment of this scripture? (The Resurrection brings immortality to all mankind.)
- When does resurrection take place? (It began with Jesus Christ's resurrection and continues until all the sons and daughters of God born into mortality have been resurrected.)

Scripture activity

Explain that there are some things in the scriptures about resurrection that many people do not understand.

To increase the young men's understanding of resurrection, divide the class into groups. Assign each group the following scriptures to read. Instruct each group to identify one principle about resurrection that is taught in these scriptures:

1. 3 Nephi 11:14–15; Doctrine and Covenants 45:51–52
2. Luke 24:39; Doctrine and Covenants 129:1–8
3. Doctrine and Covenants 20:23–24; 3 Nephi 18:39
4. Revelation 21:4; Doctrine and Covenants 63:49
5. Luke 24:41–43

Allow the young men time to read the scriptures and identify a principle of resurrection. List their responses on the chalkboard as the groups share what they have learned about resurrection, such as—

1. The actual physical body is resurrected.
2. The resurrected body is a tangible, immortal body.
3. The resurrected body is not bound to the earth.
4. The resurrected body is not subject to pain or death.
5. A resurrected being can eat.

Quotation

Explain that the Prophet Joseph Smith said:

“The Lamb of God hath brought to pass the resurrection, so that all shall rise from the dead. . . .

“When our flesh is quickened by the Spirit, there will be no blood in this tabernacle” (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, sel. Joseph Fielding Smith [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1938], p. 367).

Add to the chalkboard that resurrected bodies do not have blood.

Adviser presentation

Point out that two general resurrections are mentioned in the scriptures: (1) the first resurrection, or resurrection of the just, and (2) the final resurrection, or resurrection of the unjust.

Remind the young men that their own resurrection will take place in the future and that by keeping themselves worthy they will be part of the first resurrection.

We Will All Be Judged

Scriptures and discussion

- What great event follows our resurrection? (The final judgment.)
- Why should we not fear the final judgment? (By preparing ourselves properly, we can actually look forward to the final judgment.)

Point out that the Savior will conduct the final judgment and that it will be absolutely fair and just. If we are keeping the commandments and living in harmony with the Spirit, we can look forward to it with confidence.

Have a young man read Alma 34:32.

To help the young men better understand the Judgment and the Savior's part in this event, have them read Alma 11:40–44 aloud. Discuss the meaning of these verses as they are read.

- What is meant by “a bright recollection of all our guilt”? (A clear remembrance of our wrongdoing.)

Emphasize that resurrection comes to all, but exaltation comes only to those whose faith and works qualify them to live in the presence of God. Explain that we will be judged by our works, whether they be good or evil, and that the Judgment can be a very positive and exciting event if we live properly to merit it.

Scripture and discussion

Explain that the eleventh chapter of Alma contains Amulek's words to the wicked man Zeezrom. Amulek's words helped Zeezrom begin to repent. Then Alma added his testimony of the plan of salvation.

Encourage the young men to study Alma 12 during their personal scripture study.

Conclusion

Scripture and discussion

Point out that the scriptures teach us a great deal about the principles of resurrection and judgment. The Topical Guide in the Latter-day Saint edition of the King James Version of the Bible contains numerous references to these subjects. We should read and study the word of the Lord and pray daily for guidance in order to be prepared for the Judgment.

To summarize, have the young men read and discuss Doctrine and Covenants 88:104. Emphasize that every person will take part in the Judgment.

Challenge

Explain that we judge ourselves each day by the things we do or do not do. The final judgment will be the sum of our daily lives. Challenge the young men to set a goal to work daily to make their personal judgment one that will bring them to the celestial kingdom.