

Lesson 144 The Resurrection

I. Scripture Text

Matt 27:57-28:15 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

Mark 15:42-16:11 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

45 And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James beheld where he was laid.

16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

Luke 23:50-24:12 And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just: 51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

52 This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

24:1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

8 And they remembered his words,

9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that

which was come to pass.

John 19:38-20:18 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.

40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.

42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

20:1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,

7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him

hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

II. Bible Story

CE 6-1 The descent from the cross

Work had to be done quickly in order to get the body of Jesus buried before sunset. For anyone who might have happened to be there, they would have noticed Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who had asked Pilate for the body of Christ. You might also remember Nicodemus who had come to Jesus by night. He came and brought myrrh and aloes for the burial of Jesus. The body of Jesus was taken to a new tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea.

CE 6-2 Joseph of Arimathea gave his new tomb

The new tomb, or cave hewn out of rock, was located near the hill where Jesus had been crucified. They washed off His dead body and wound around it strips of white linen cloth saturated with ointment and spices of myrrh and aloes. A separate piece of linen cloth, a napkin, was put around the head, as was the Jewish custom for burial.

A large stone slab was outside the entrance to close up the rock tomb, or sepulchre, as it was often called. After the body was wrapped in linen cloth and the smaller cloth put over the face, they rolled the huge rock slab in front of the entrance and returned to their homes.

What a dark, sad time that was for those

who loved the Lord! All their hopes were gone, and their hearts were filled with despair. Jesus was dead! What would they do without Him? Now they had nothing to love for!

CE 6-3 Soldiers guard the tomb

With Jesus dead, the enemies of Jesus rejoiced. They knew where He was buried and went to Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, 'He is risen from the dead:' so the last error shall be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Very early on Sunday morning, even before dawn came, the most wonderful thing happened that has ever taken place in the history of the world. JESUS CHRIST AROSE FROM THE DEAD! The earth shuddered and quaked. The quake shook the whole hill on which the crosses shook. The quake shook where the guards were. An angel had come down and rolled away the stone. When the guards saw the angel they fell to the ground as if they were dead.

CE 6-4 Jesus rises from the dead

Inside the tomb Jesus' body came back to life. He left the wrappings behind and the cloth from His face was neatly folded and placed aside. He had risen from the dead to never die again! He won the victory and conquered sin, Satan, death, and the grave. All of His enemies were defeated. Jesus left the tomb in His risen, glorified body.

As soon as the soldiers came to and recovered, they fled to Jerusalem to tell the leaders. The religious leaders bribed them to tell a lie. The soldiers were to tell everyone who asked that while they slept, the disciples stole the body away. But of course, only those who did

not want to know the truth would believe that lie, for how can men know what is going on if they are asleep?

CE 6-5 Three women come to the tomb

In those days, people brought spices and ointments to honor someone who had died. Before sunrise on that first Easter Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene, Some, and Mary the mother of James were coming to the tomb to put those ointments on the body of their Master. As they walked along they talked about how they would get past the guard and roll away the stone.

CE 6-6 The women find the stone rolled away

In the early light of the approaching dawn they found that the tomb was open. They could hardly believe their eyes! What could this mean? Mary Magdalene ran back to tell Peter that the tomb had been opened. The other women went closer; they saw that the Lord Jesus' body was gone. An angel appeared before them, clothed in a shining robe so bright that their eyes were blinded. The women were scared. The angel asked, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" The angel told them to go back and tell the others and that they would find Jesus in Galilee.

CE 6-7 Peter and John come to the empty tomb

When Mary Magdalene came to the disciples, she told Peter and John and they went running to the tomb. There they looked in and found that indeed that the body of the Lord was gone. The other women got back and told the other disciples, but they didn't believe them.

CE 6-8 Jesus appears to Mary

Soon afterward, Mary Magdalene returned alone to the tomb and stood outside crying. She had not stayed with the other women long enough, it would seem, to hear the beautiful message of the resurrection. Jesus met with her and she thought that He was the gardener at first and that he removed the body of Christ. Jesus called out to her and then she realized who He was. The same wonderful message that they had back then is still available to us today. Anyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior will have the same victory over death and the grave. We are promised eternal life and that we, too, will have a new and perfect body over which death will have no power, and a home in heaven where Jesus is waiting for us right now!

III. Activity 1

Age 3 through Grade 4

Materials needed:

- ☐ a copy of the Jesus figure from 144b for each student
- ☐ a copy of the grave from 144a for each student
- ☐ a copy of the stone from 144c for each student (copy onto brown paper)
- ☐ a copy of the caption from 144d for each student
- ☐ scissors
- ☐ double stick tape
- ☐ a blue sheet of paper for each student
- ☐ a 3" x 11" piece of green paper for each student
- ☐ crayons for each student

Have the students tape the green paper onto the bottom third of the blue sheet of paper. Next, have them color and trim the grave and figure of Jesus and tape them to the paper. Then, have them tape the rolled away stone and caption onto the page. Have them take the paper home to remind them of the lesson during the week.

IV. Activity 2

Grade 5 through Grade 7

Materials needed:

- ☐ one copy of **Lesson 144, page 5** for each student
- ☐ a copy of *Halley's Bible Handbook* for each student
- ☐ a pencil for each student
- ☐ a Bible for each student

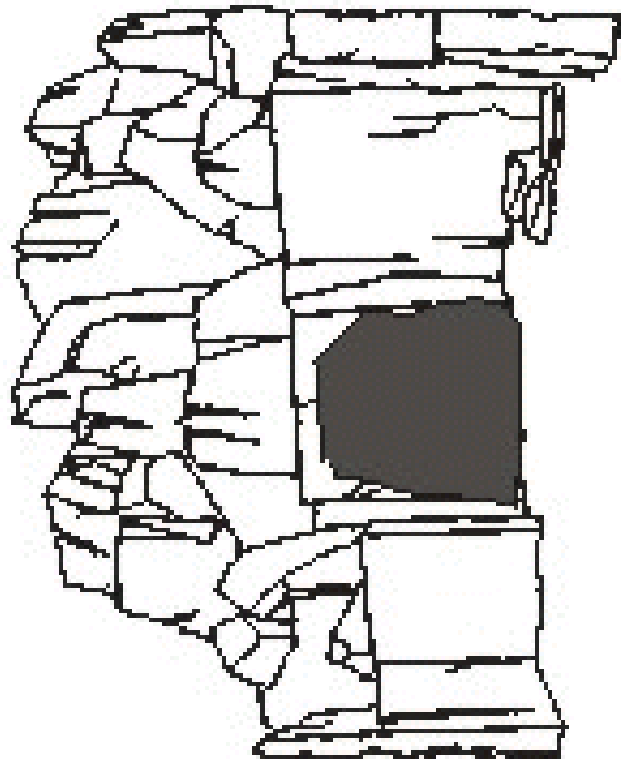
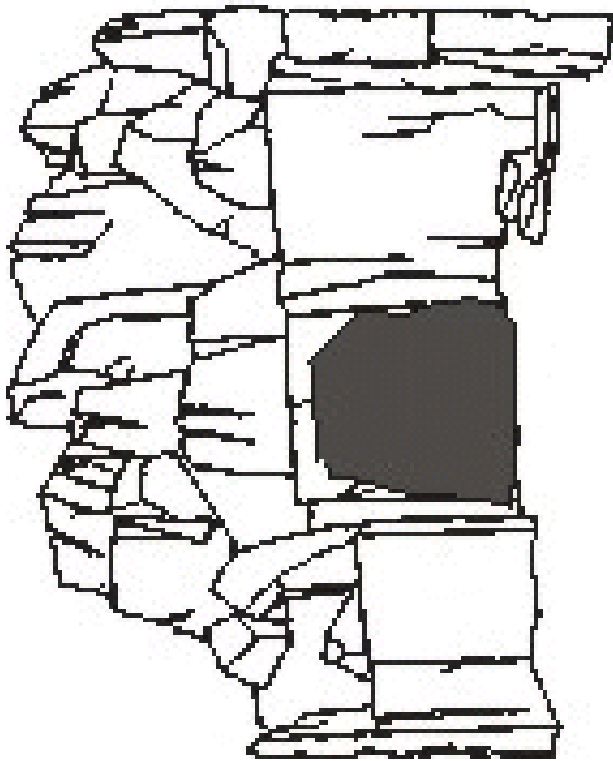
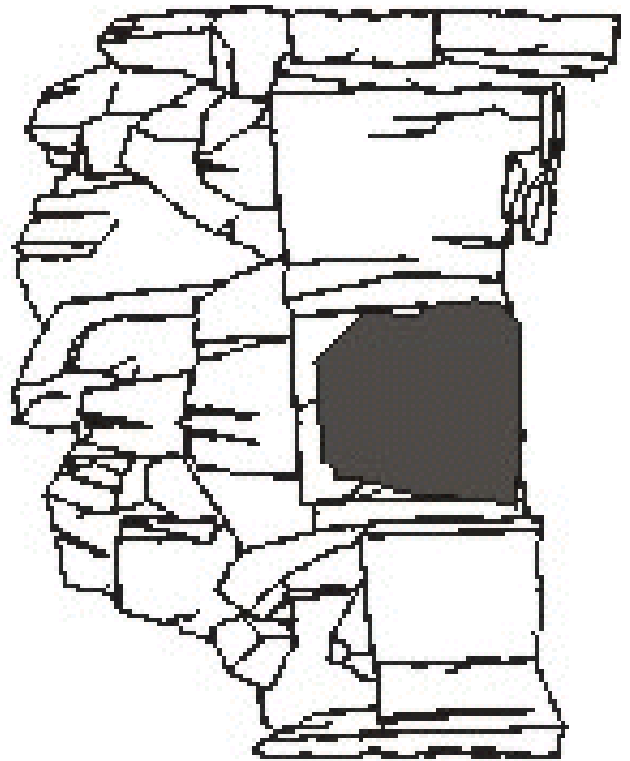
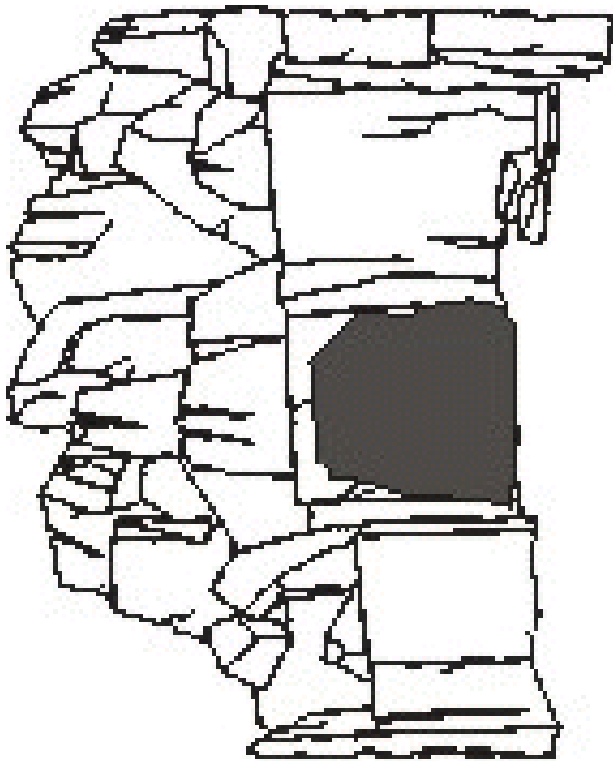
For deeper study have the students work alone or in pairs to answer the study questions. The answers requiring *Halley's Bible Handbook* can be found in the commentary on 1 Corinthians 15 from p. 598 to 600.

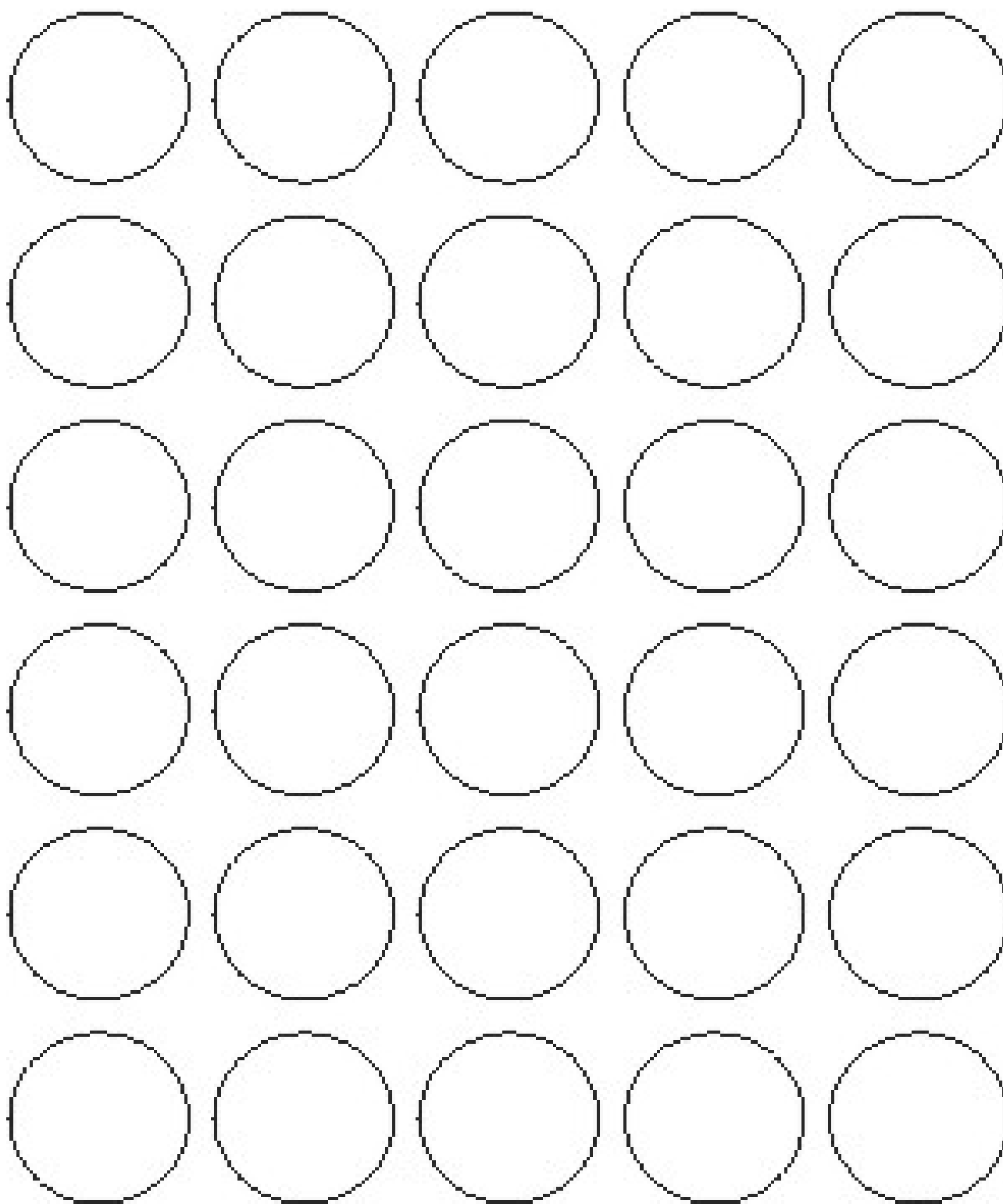
Answers: 1. a 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. e 7. c

The Resurrection

Read 1 Corinthians 15 and then answer the following questions. Use *Halley's Bible Handbook*, pp. 598-600 if you need help in answering the questions.

1. What was the largest number of people to whom Jesus appeared after His resurrection?
☐ a. 500
☐ b. 1000
☐ c. 12
2. Were the disciples slow to believe in the resurrection of Christ?
☐ a. no
☐ b. yes
3. What did the hope of the resurrection cause them to do?
☐ a. Tell all the Jews that Jesus was indeed the Messiah
☐ b. Tell the Romans that Jesus was the Savior
☐ c. b and c
☐ d. Tell the whole world that Jesus was the Savior
4. Did the apostle Paul get to see Jesus?
☐ a. No, because Jesus died before Paul became an apostle
☐ b. Yes, because Jesus died after Paul was an apostle
☐ c. Yes, because Paul saw Jesus after the resurrection
5. What is left if Jesus did not rise again?
☐ a. Hope that maybe there is life after death
☐ b. Blankness and despair
☐ c. It doesn't matter because we should be good anyway
6. What are we if there is no resurrection?
☐ a. False witnesses
☐ b. Most miserable of all men
☐ c. Looking forward to the return of Christ
☐ d. a and c
☐ e. a and b
7. What kind of body will we have when we are resurrected?
☐ a. Our same old body
☐ b. A new body
☐ c. Our same old body made into a spiritual body





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