

Devotion 16: Go to Jesus and Learn of His Resurrection

Audience: For Patient and Caregiver

Theme: Go to Jesus and learn from Him!

Bible Passage: *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light* (Matthew 11:28-30).

Devotion: Of all the teachings of our Savior none is more central to our Christian faith than His resurrection. Jesus tells us: *The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again* (John 10:17-18).

After Jesus had cleared the temple of the money changers, we hear: *The Jews demanded of him, ‘What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.’ The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?’ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken* (John 2:18-22).

In addition to the actual resurrection accounts Paul tells us: *For what I received I passed on to you of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time . . . Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also* (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).

In the Old Testament Job tells us: *I know that my Redeemer lives, and that he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him, with my own eyes—I and not another!* (Job 19:25-27). You and I also, my dear, shall have eternal life!

Jesus affirms in John 11:25, 26: *I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die!*

O Lord, thank you for this priceless gift of life eternal through your resurrection. Amen.

Bible Readings Concerning the Resurrection: Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20.