

**Aim:****Refer:****Resources:**

Jesus was crucified on the Friday and His body quickly placed in a tomb for the Sabbath.  
What do you think the disciples were thinking at that point?

What would have happened if Jesus had died and never came back to life?  
One of the Pharisees tells us what would have happened in **Acts 5:34-37**. (Like these examples, his followers would have scattered and that would have been the end.)

God knew that the victory had been won at that point, but the disciples did not, even though it was happening just as Jesus had told them it would.

It wasn't until, as we will learn over the next couple of weeks that Jesus appeared to the disciples and many other people after His resurrection that they understood what had happened.

**Read Genesis 3:15**

This is the first prophecy about the coming Messiah. How does this fit what had just occurred?  
(Satan has injured the Son of God who will recover, but at the same time the Son of God has stuck the 'death blow' to Satan.)

**Read Romans 5:6-11** (When we were helpless Christ came...)

**Read Romans 5:17** (Sin came through one man...)

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Read what Jesus said before He raised Lazarus. **Read John 11:25-26**

**Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*Note to teacher: verse 14 in modern version can be confusing and must be read in conjunction with verse 16*