

# Resurrection Sunday

## PRECEPT

### JOHN 6:66-69

<sup>66</sup> As a result of this many of His disciples left, and would no longer walk with Him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to leave also, do you?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> And we have already believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

## PROMISE

With the overwhelming evidences provided for us whether in the Bible or through history sources, it is no doubt that the resurrection we are celebrating today is an actual event. The man named Jesus lived, died, and rose again more than 2,000 years ago and the tomb is still empty, for He has risen and is still alive today. This is the foundation of our faith, for the resurrection is the central message of the Gospel and the source of our hope in Christ. 1 Peter 1:3-4 said, *"<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade."* This truth must impact our lives; the way we think and act. Knowing the truth about the resurrection must enable us to live victoriously as we share the victory of Christ. Below is the story of how the disciple of Jesus, Peter, was impacted by resurrection of Christ:

### DECISION→DECLARATION→DENIAL→DEDICATION→DEVOTION

Matthew 4:18-20 tells us about Peter's first encounter with Christ and how he left everything and made the decision to follow Him. Then in Matthew 16:16, Peter made this declaration, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* Even in John 6:68-69, Peter declared that Jesus is not only his Lord and Saviour, but that He is also his God. It says, *"<sup>68</sup> Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> And we have already believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."* During the Lord's Supper, Jesus made a statement in Matthew 26:31-35 saying, *"<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' <sup>33</sup> Peter replied to Him, 'Though they all fall away because of You, I will never fall away!' <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, 'I assure you and most solemnly say to you, this night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.' <sup>35</sup> Peter said to Jesus, 'Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!'"* Despite all these declarations by Peter, it truly happened that he denied Christ in the later verses, and just like Peter, we all go through trials and testings that make us deny our faith in God and forget about our decision to follow Him and our declaration about our belief in Him. When the pandemic hit the world, studies show that many Christians did not progress in their walk with God and some even abandoned their faith. For Peter, things changed after he met the risen Christ. The Peter who denied Christ and followed Him from a distance became one of the pillars of the church, all because he has seen, touched, and talked with the resurrected Christ. He became bold to preach the Gospel at whatever cost and performed healing and miracles in the Name of Jesus. His devotion to Christ was never in question again, he was crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to die in the same manner as his Saviour. Even though he denied Christ three times, it did not matter to God. He invites us to start over with Him and continues to love us and forgive us, and is always ready for us to come to Him. Because of His resurrection, we are alive in Him and we are transformed to share the new life we have in Him.

## PRACTICE

**1. Impact of Resurrection.** How has the resurrection of Christ impacted your life?

**2. Life After Knowing the Resurrection.** How does your life look like knowing about the resurrection of Christ?

## PRAYER

### I. Worship Services

- Praise God for our worship venue and our brethren in People's Church.

### II. Discipleship

- Pray that we will always make discipling others our top priority in our Christian walk.

### III. Life Groups

- Pray that our new comers will join life groups and grow in their faith in God.

### IV. Gospel

- Pray for more open doors so we could share the Gospel to the people around us.

### V. Unity

- Pray for unity among our brethren, other Christians, and the people in our society.

### VI. War

- Pray for the war to end and for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world.

### VII. Obedience

- Pray that we will always abide in God's Word and obey Him at all times.