

THE MESSIAH PLAN

The Duel with Death
Acts 2:22-32

Why death could not hold him:

1. Since He lay down His life, he could take it up.
2. Death is a human experience, and while Jesus was human, He was also God.
3. His redeeming work was done.
4. The promise of God had to be fulfilled.
5. Darkness cannot conquer light.

Why it matters:

1. Christ broke death's hold, we don't have to fear it.
2. Christ broke darkness' power, we can live in victory.

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For those who are passionate about their faith!

The Messiah came to defeat death and to set free the prisoners of darkness. This week's passages explore how Christ's death and resurrection affect our every day lives.

Through the New Testament in 2018: Luke 22-John 2

Monday | **John 1:1-14**

How did the light of Jesus shine in the darkness? How has your relationship with Jesus brought life and light into your story?

Tuesday | **Galatians 2:19-21**

What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? What does it mean to have Christ live in you? How does it make your life different from someone who does not have Christ?

Wednesday | **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Yesterday we looked at the idea of Christ in us—but what does it mean to be in Christ? What hope does that fact bring to your life?

Thursday | **Romans 6:5-14**

What does it mean to “die with Christ”? And what does it mean to live with him? Where have you seen him overcome sin in your life? Where are you letting sin reign—but shouldn't be?

Friday | **John 8:31-36**

How does Jesus set us free? How would you describe spiritual freedom? What does it mean to be a slave to sin?

Sunday preview | **Acts 1:1-11**

What did the disciples think was the next step in implementing the “Messiah Plan”? How did Jesus respond to their question? Since we are now still living in this stage of the story, how does what Jesus said affect you?