

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 98

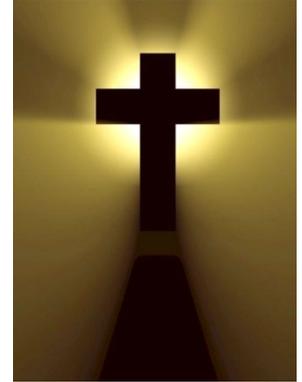
This is the Risen Lord



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 "...that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Bible, (4) that He was buried, that He was raised from the dead on the third day according to the Bible..."

Matthew 12:40 "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

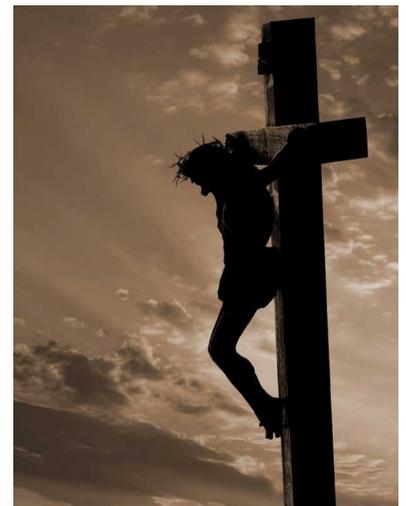
INTRODUCTION

Remember where we left off in our last lesson? Jesus died. It was very sad. But not to Dark Invader...he was so happy because Jesus was sentenced to die on the cross where He was left to suffer for hours while our sins were pouring through His body and then after that Jesus died. The Light of the world, our Savior that God had promised to Adam and Eve and all humans was dead. The Light went out. And it looked like our hopes were gone, too. But in His death, Jesus was about to become more powerful than anyone could even imagine!

Bible Story: All Sin was Destroyed on the Cross

Jesus took all our sins far away from us when He died on the cross.

When everybody's sins were destroyed and taken away by Jesus on the cross, the SIN WALL that separated us from God was taken away, too, forever. Now Adam and Eve and all the people of the world that ever lived can now have a family relationship with God **IF they believe in Jesus**, God's Promised Light and Savior.



You see, Jesus took all the sins from all the world's people in the past, in the present and in the future and took them on Himself and paid the price for all sins to satisfy God His Father. And God WAS satisfied with Jesus' work for all people. If you trust in Jesus today, then that means that YOUR SINS were put to death and taken away.

Bible Story - Jesus Wins the War

Remember how happy Dark Invader was because Jesus died? Well too bad for him!!! Because then, the most amazing thing of all happened. After Jesus died, they took Him down from the cross and buried Him in a cave-tomb. All the JE-Dis were so sad.

Remember, kids, that JEDIs are followers of Jesus! To them He was GONE!!! "Oh no," they said, "but He promised He would come back!" "Where is He?" For three days no one saw Jesus. They were all so sad and afraid. They didn't know what to think? They didn't understand. But guess what? Remember we said that Jesus did something more powerful than anything you can imagine! Well He did...Jesus came **BACK TO LIFE!** He rose up again after three days!!!



Before we continue about Jesus' coming back to life, we're going to tell you a Bible story that happened a long, long time before Jesus came to

earth as the God/man. It's about a prophet named Jonah, who did something that will explain why Jesus disappeared for three days after His death.

Bible Story - Jonah Disappeared Inside the Whale for Three Days

One day God asked a man named Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh and tell the people living there to stop being bad. The only problem was that Jonah didn't want to help the people there. He knew they were very bad and he didn't like them and wanted them to be punished for their sins.

So instead of listening to God, Jonah thought he would run away from Nineveh and not do what God asked him. He ran to the sea where he found a ship that was going to another city. He paid the captain so he could go on the boat and then went in the lower part of the boat and went to sleep.



Right after the boat left the shore a very bad thunder storm came up and the huge waves started tossing the boat around. All the men were really scared that the boat would sink so they started to throw all their packages and bags off of the boat hoping that they wouldn't drown.

The captain hurried to the lower part of the boat to find Jonah who was still there sound asleep. He said to Jonah, "How can you sleep? Get up and pray to your God, maybe he can help us!" The captain didn't realize that Jonah didn't just believe in any god but the One true God and that He could help them.

Meanwhile, the other sailors decided that the storm was Jonah's fault. He must have done something wrong to make his God so angry. So they asked Jonah, "What have you done? What God do you believe in? What can we do to make this storm stop?"

Jonah told them, "I believe in the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land and I am running away from something God asked me to do. It's my fault this is happening. If you throw me into the sea the storm will stop."



The men didn't want to hurt Jonah by throwing him off the boat so they tried to do the best they could, but the storm just got worse. So finally when nothing they did would help, they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea. The storm immediately stopped and the sea got calm. The men on the boat realized that Jonah believed in the One true God and prayed to Him.

Then the captain and the crew looked out to sea and saw a huge whale come up and swallow up Jonah. God actually sent the whale to keep Jonah from drowning. Jonah stayed in the whale for three days and three nights! Doesn't that sound familiar to you?

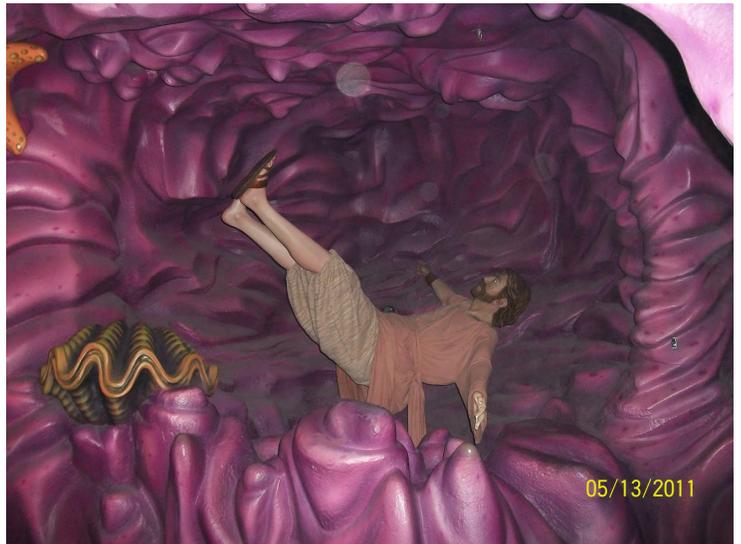
Question: Who else disappeared for three days and three nights?

Answer: Jesus did after He was buried.

Just think for a second what it would be like to be inside a whale. There were no windows, and lots of strange things floating around that you can't see because it's so dark. I bet the whales tongue was wet and icky!!! Other than that I'm not sure what it would be like, but Jonah probably didn't know if he would ever see daylight again.

While Jonah was trapped inside the huge whale he did a lot of praying to God. He must have been really scared.

He asked God to forgive him for running away. He also thanked God for not letting him drown.



After the third day God told the whale to spit Jonah out onto dry land. And the whale did just that. Jonah was happy to be out of the dark belly of the whale, but boy, did he need a bath. He was slimy and smelly and I bet real tired.

Then the Lord appeared to Jonah and told him a second time to go to the city of Nineveh and tell the people there to stop being bad and to tell them about the promised ONE, the Light of the world. This time Jonah obeyed God and left for Nineveh right away.



When Jonah got there he warned them that God said that they should stop doing bad things or in forty days the city and everything in it would be destroyed. He also told the people about the promised One...the Light of the world...the Savior to come. To Jonah's surprise the people really listened to him and they prayed to God and they said they were sorry for all the sins they had done and they believed Him! Isn't that wonderful? Jonah gave them the Good News of the Savior and they believed in the promised ONE!!!

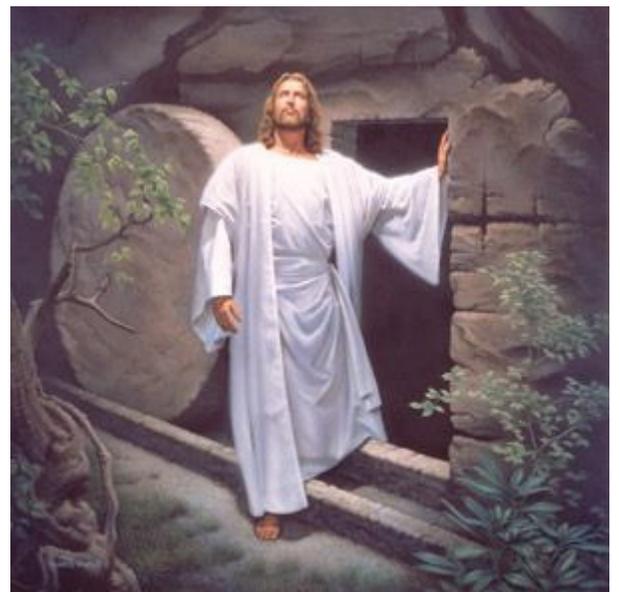
Soon the king of Nineveh heard what was going on and he ordered that everyone to listen to God and to stop doing bad things. And when God saw that they believed and were trying very hard to obey God and stop doing bad things, God loved them and did not destroy their city.

So you see God our Father was telling us a future thing about how Jesus was the Promised One and the Light of the world and that He would disappear for three days into the earth before He came back alive.

Bible Story - Jesus Rose from the Dead

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:4 "...that He was buried, that He was raised from the dead on the third day according to the Bible..."

He's ALIVE...JESUS IS ALIVE!!! He won over the Dark Invader and death. So that means that when we believe in Jesus we too will live forever with Him in Heaven even after we die. Isn't that wonderful? Our Savior rescued us and then gave us the greatest GIFT of all time...Himself!!! It's your very best gift EVER.



Summary: Choose the Light or Choose Darkness – It's Up to You

Act 16:30 “...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? (31) And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...”

Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else but Jesus, for there is no other name in the world given to people by whom we must be saved.”

So now you see that Jesus is the ONLY way for us to be rescued or saved from sin and darkness. Today, just as in the ancient times and always, only those who believe in Jesus can go to Heaven. Only those who trust in Jesus, our Saber of Light are going to be in heaven with Him forever.

For people who won't trust or believe in Jesus and who will not believe in the Light will not enter Heaven because they have CHOSEN to stay in the darkness and away from God.

If we ACCEPT the gift, Jesus will lead us OUT of the darkness into the Light. Our sins have been taken away, and we will enter God's glorious Heaven after we die someday.

We've talked about a lot of stuff today, but here's all you need to remember: By believing in Jesus you will become just like Him...PERFECT and be able to go to Heaven when you die. Not believing in Jesus means you won't be able to go into Heaven because He is the only way into Heaven.

So now, you just have to choose...will you believe in Jesus and be a JEDI or not?

Jesus IS the Saber of Light. He is the Promise ONE that saved Adam and Eve and all people who believe in Him. He is God's Son, the ONE who saves US. If we will trust in Him, believe in Him, we will go to Heaven.

Close in Prayer

