



10-MINUTE BIBLE LESSON

Saturday

1 Peter 3:18-20

Before watching the video: What do you already know about the events of Jesus' final week? This may include remembrances of church services or Sunday School classes, or what you've seen

portrayed on TV or in movies. Have you ever compared what you've been told or what you've seen with what the Gospels say? Keep what you've previously learned in mind for comparing as you move through this study.

Now read the passages twice. Take each one at a time, noticing every sentence and phrase. You may even want to start and stop the video to spend more time with each. What stands out to you?

Christ also suffered* for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you* to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. –

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen. – ***The Apostle's Creed***

After watching the video: Have you ever been part of a Christian tradition that observed a service or vigil or time of prayer on Holy Saturday? What sorts of rituals or readings do they include? Have you ever stopped to think about the meaning of the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter, other than a day to prepare for Sunday traditions?

Try to imagine how Jesus' followers might have felt the day after the crucifixion. They had no idea that resurrection was coming; they had no way of anticipating that Jesus would be raised. After being with him for years, hearing him, watching him with others, what would it be like to have that disappear?

What do you think about the belief that Jesus "descended to the dead," according to the Apostle's Creed, or that he "proclaimed to the prisoners" according to 1 Peter? Have you ever thought about where Jesus might have been on Saturday? What do you think was happening that day?

Conclude in prayer. Thank God for blessings, ask forgiveness for wrongs done, request help for uncertainty. Close with "amen."