



**HOPEWELL MB CHURCH  
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON  
OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE**

The following information is provided for participants who wish to study the lesson beforehand. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

The overview will be presented each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Lesson discussion material will be rotated weekly amongst the various Target Groups (Adult Women, Adult Men, Young Adult, Youth) in an effort to include all ages in this lesson series.

The Overview is merely a brief discussion of the bible lesson. In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text, Related Scriptures, Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Discussion Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

We invite you to join us for in-person class discussion.

**April 2023**

**UNIT II: By His Sacrifice**

**All lessons this month will focus on the great sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf**

**WEEK 1-Crucified For Sinners:** This lesson covers the ultimate display of love towards unworthy sinners.

**WEEK 2- Risen From the Dead (Easter):** This lesson covers Jesus' triumphant resurrection and the Father's ultimate stamp of approval on Jesus' sacrifice.

**WEEK 3- Proofs of the Resurrection:** This lesson demonstrates Jesus' care for his disciples by remaining with them to see that they were prepared for their mission

**WEEK 4- The Bread of Life:** This lesson focuses on Jesus' teachings as he proclaims himself to be the bread of life.

**WEEK 5- The Light of the World:** This lesson continues Jesus' teachings as he proclaims himself to be the light of the world

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**DATE OF LESSON:** April 2, 2023

**LESSON TITLE:** Crucified for Sinners

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 27:38-54

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 22:1-18; Isaiah 53:3-12; Luke 23:32-47

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world"*  
(I John 4:14 )

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who was crucified alongside Jesus?
2. How did the people who were passing by use Jesus' words to scorn Him?
3. How did the religious leaders mock Jesus?
4. For how long did Jesus suffer in darkness?
5. Why was Jesus forsaken by God the Father?
6. How did one man demonstrate compassion to Jesus in His pain?
7. How did the spectators ridicule Jesus' cry to the Father?
8. How did the rending of the temple veil symbolize the significance of Jesus' death?
9. What happened when the earthquake opened many graves?
10. How did the Roman soldiers respond to Jesus' death?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Jesus Sentenced to Die (Luke 23:13-31)

T- Christ's Death Foretold (Psalm 22:1-18)

W- Golgotha (John 19:16-24)

Th- The Suffering Saviour (Isaiah 53:3-12)

F- The Faith of the Thief (Luke 23:32-43)

Sa- It Is Finished (John 19:28-30)

Su- Forsaken by God (Matthew 27:38-54)

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We will not have in-person class today. Morning Worship Service will begin at 9:00 a.m.

**DATE OF LESSON:** April 9, 2023

**LESSON TITLE:** Risen From the Dead (Easter)

**LESSON TEXT:** John 20:1-10, 19-20

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 16:1-11; Luke 24:1-12; I Corinthians 15:12-19; Ephesians 1:15-23

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you”* (John 20:19)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week’s discussion is taken from the **Young Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did John differentiate this Mary from several other women named Mary?
2. Why do Christians worship on Sunday instead of Saturday?
3. Some say the disciples stole Jesus’ body from the grave. How does John’s Gospel disprove this?
4. Why did God have an angel move the stone?
5. What made it clear that grave robbers did not steal the body?
6. Why is it interesting that Jesus chose to reveal Himself first to women?
7. What was the first thing Jesus said when He appeared to the assembly that evening?
8. What emotion replaced fear?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- The Stone Rolled Away (Mark 16:1-11)

T- No Hope Without Resurrection (I Corinthians 15:12-19)

W- God’s Mighty Power (Ephesians 1:15-23)

Th- He Is Risen (Luke 24:1-12)

F- The Sign of Jonah (Matthew 12:38-42)

Sa- Not Abandoned to the Grave (Psalm 16:1-11)

Su- An Empty Tomb (John 20:1-10, 19-20)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** April 16, 2023

**LESSON TITLE:** Proofs of the Resurrection

**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 24:36-53

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Acts 1:1-4; I Corinthians 15:3-8; I John 1:1-4

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me”*  
(Luke 24:44)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week’s discussion is taken from the **Senior High School Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What special powers did Jesus’ resurrection body possess?
2. What did the disciples think Jesus was when He appeared?
3. Why did Jesus show the disciples His hands and His feet?
4. Why did Jesus ask the disciples for something to eat?
5. What events were necessary for the Scriptures to be fulfilled?
6. How is Christ found in the Old Testament Scriptures?
7. What is repentance? How are repentance and faith related?
8. What does the gospel promise to those who repent?
9. Why were the apostles to be Christ’s witnesses?
10. What gift had the Father promised to the disciples?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- Many Infallible Proofs (Acts 1:1-4)

T- Christ Arose (I Corinthians 15:3-8)

W- The Word of Life (I John 1:1-4)

Th- Jesus With The Disciples (Mark 16:12-14)

F- The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)

Sa- The Third Appearance (John 21:1-14)

Su- Scripture Now Fulfilled (Luke 24:36-53)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** April 23, 2023

**LESSON TITLE:** The Bread of Life

**LESSON TEXT:** John 6:22-35

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 16:4-18; Isaiah 55:1-7; John 6:1-13

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“Jesus saith unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst”* (John 6:35)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was confusing to the people the morning after the disciples had left Bethsaida by boat?
2. What misguided ideas of the people did Jesus continually encounter?
3. What enabled the people to go to Capernaum to seek Jesus?
4. What did Jesus say was the real reason the people were seeking Him?
5. What kind of food did Jesus tell them they should be looking for?
6. What did the people misunderstand about salvation?
7. How did Jesus describe the work they should do?
8. Why did they ask for a sign?
9. What did Jesus say about the bread that they said Moses gave?
10. Who is the real Bread of Life, and what does He provide?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- The Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6:1-13)

T- God Sends Manna (Exodus 16:4-18)

W- Complaints About Manna (Numbers 11:4-10)

Th- Judgement For Ungrateful Hearts (Psalm 78:17-31)

F- God’s Mercy On Mankind (Isaiah 55:1-7)

Sa- One With Christ (John 6:47-58)

Su- The True Bread From Heaven (John 6:22-35)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** April 30, 2023

**LESSON TITLE:** The Light of the World

**LESSON TEXT:** John 8:12-20; 12:44-46

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Isaiah 9:2-6; Matthew 5:14-16; John 1:1-10; I John 5:5-13

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life"* (John 8:12)

**TARGET AGE GROUP:** This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is there so much darkness in the world, and what is our hope?
2. Why did the Pharisees challenge Jesus' self-witness?
3. Why did Jesus speak of where He came from and where He was going?
4. How did Jesus say His judgement would differ from that of the Pharisees?
5. What Old Testament basis of testimony did the Pharisees use against Jesus?
6. How did Jesus respond?
7. What did Jesus mean when He said that they knew neither Him nor His Father?
8. Why was no one able to apprehend Jesus?
9. What did Jesus mean when He said that whoever believes in Him would not walk in darkness?
10. What must happen before people can understand true spirituality?

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week prior to the lesson)

M- A Light to the Nations (Isaiah 9:2-4)

T- The True Light (John 1:1-10)

W- Believers Shine Forth in the World (Philippians 2:12-16)

Th- Life Through the Son (I John 5:5-13)

F- Out of the Darkness Into the Light (John 3:16-21)

Sa- The Path of the Just (Proverbs 4:14-22)

Su- The Light of Life (John 8:12-20; 12:44-46)