

# Joyful Life Bible Studies

## Easter Study

2016

### A Meditative Look at the Cross and the Resurrection through the Book of Romans

This week we want to review the things we've studied in Romans in order to enhance our appreciation for what Jesus has done. It is said that the Gospels tell us the story of what Jesus did, but the epistle of Romans explains the significance of Jesus' life, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Take time this week to recall and respond to the glorious work of Jesus on your behalf. We have defined for you the words that will follow each portion of Scriptures.

- Reason – to thoughtfully evaluate or cite the motivation for an action
- Recall – to remember or record the action or work that was done
- Reflect – to meditate and draw out the truth and treasure
- Respond – to write a word of praise, prayer, or thanksgiving for what God revealed to you
- Rejoice – to simply extol or express your joy

#### **FIRST DAY:** Why was the Cross necessary?

##### 1. Read the following Scriptures:

- Romans 3:10-12
- Romans 3:20
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23

##### 2. Why was the Cross necessary?

a. Recall

b. Reflect

c. Respond

**SECOND DAY:** What happened on the Cross?

1. Read the following Scriptures:

- Romans 8:3
- Romans 8:4

2. What happened on the Cross?

- a. Recall
- b. Reflect
- c. Respond

**THIRD DAY:** What did Christ accomplish for us on the Cross?

1. Read the following Scriptures:

- Romans 5:1–2
- Romans 5:3–4
- Romans 5:5–8
- Romans 5:9–10

2. What did Christ accomplish for us on the Cross?

- a. Recall
- b. Reflect
- c. Rejoice

**FOURTH DAY:** What is ours because of the Cross?

1. Read the following Scriptures:
  - Romans 1:16
  - Romans 8:15–18
  - Romans 8:30–31
2. What is ours because of the Cross?
  - a. Recall
  - b. Reflect
  - c. Rejoice

**FIFTH DAY:** What does the Resurrection signify for you?

1. Read the following Scriptures:
  - Romans 4:24–25
  - Romans 8:11
  - Romans 14:9
2. What does the Resurrection signify for you?
  - a. Reason
  - b. Reflect
  - c. Respond

**SIXTH DAY:** How shall we then live?

1. Read the following Scriptures:

- Romans 12:1-2
  
- Romans 12:10-12
  
- Romans 15:13

2. How shall we then live?

- a. Reason
  
- b. Reflect
  
- c. Respond

*Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen,  
who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.*  
Romans 8:34