

## Sunday School Texts May 31

**1 Corinthians 15** — I delivered unto you first of all, what I also received: how that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures: And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures: And that he was seen by Kephias, and after that by the twelve, After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born beyond the due time.

**Philippians 1** <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is a gain. <sup>22</sup> If, however, to live in the flesh, this is, to me, the fruit of labor. And what I shall choose, I do not know. <sup>23</sup> For I am hard-pressed from both sides (ἐκ τῶν δύο), having a desire to depart and be with Christ—far better!

**Philippians 3** <sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the communion of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, <sup>11</sup> if, by any means, I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

**Isaiah 26** <sup>19</sup> “Your dead shall live (רְחִימֵי יְהוָה); their corpses will arise (וְגִבֹּתֵי יְקוּמִין)  
ἀναστήσονται οἱ νεκροί, καὶ ἐγερθήσονται οἱ ἐν τοῖς μνημείοις  
The dead shall arise and those in the tombs will be raised up

**1 Corinthians 15** <sup>35</sup> How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?

**Luke 24** <sup>36</sup> Now as they said these things, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and said to them, “Peace to you.” <sup>37</sup> But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Handle me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.” <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, he said to them, “Have you any food here?” <sup>42</sup> So they gave him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. <sup>43</sup> And he took it and ate in their presence.

**Acts 17** <sup>16</sup> Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the proselytes, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, “What does this babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods,” because he preached to them Jesus and Resurrection (τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ τὴν ἀνάστασιν). <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new doctrine you speak of? <sup>20</sup> For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup> For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. <sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens . . . <sup>30</sup> Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” <sup>32</sup> And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again about this.” <sup>33</sup> So Paul departed from among them.

**John 11** <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

**Daniel 12** And at that time your people shall be delivered, / everyone who is found written in the book. / And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, / some to everlasting life, / some to shame and everlasting contempt. / Those who are wise shall shine / Like the brightness of the firmament, / and those who turn many to righteousness / Like the stars forever and ever.

**2 Maccabees 7** <sup>23</sup> But the Creator of the world, who formed the birth of man, and who discerned the origin of all—He will, in His mercy, restore to you again both breath and life, inasmuch as you now despise yourselves for the sake of His laws.

**Acts 23** <sup>6</sup> Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!

**Flavius Josephus, *The Jewish Wars* 2.8.14** — [The Pharisees] say that all souls are incorruptible, but that the souls of good men only are removed (μεταβαίνειν) into other bodies, but that the souls of bad men are subject to eternal punishment. But the Sadducees are those that compose the second order . . . They also take away the belief of the immortal duration of the soul, and the punishments and rewards in Hades.