

Bible Study for Living A Resurrected Life – Raised Up!

Read Mark 15:33-47

Questions:

1. *Why do you think the women at the cross risked their lives to stay with Jesus?*
2. *How did Jesus challenge social conventions and risked being maligned and misunderstood when he chose to raise up the dignity and status of women during his time?*
3. *In what ways did Jesus treat women differently?*
4. *Do you think it was more risky for the male disciples than it was for the female disciples to be present at the cross? Why?*

Many of the details we have about the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ are recorded because these women had the courage to stay near the cross. And after that, the courage to be the first ones to go back to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body for burial. Even when everything seemed lost and at great risk to themselves and their lives, the female disciples kept showing up.

5. *How is God inviting you to show up in your life currently?*
6. *Women still experience discrimination in the Church (institution) today. How do you think it might benefit both women and men, and the Church if these discriminations don't exist?*

How Jesus raised up the women of his time to become disciples and apostles --- treating them as equals who have the capability to lead, seeing them as worthy witnesses, entrusting them with the most important news in the history of this world, and commissioning them to go share this good news with others --- is one of the best examples of how God sees each one of us and raises us up.

If you have ever felt less than because of how Church or society sees you, if you ever doubted your ability to be a follower of Christ because of what you have been told or your own limiting self-beliefs, if you never thought you could lead or make a difference in God's kin-dom, then this message is for you.

The reminder is that God has raised each of us up with Christ! Live like it!

The challenge is for us to go raise others up too!

7. *Who and in what ways is God challenging you to raise others up in your life?*
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