

# A Risen Savior Answer Key

Use this answer key to discuss the students' answers to the A Risen Savior activity in their Student Guides.

Let's briefly talk about what you found in these passages.

**Acts 2:22–36** Peter was preaching to the crowd on the Day of Pentecost and he clearly connected the death and Resurrection of Jesus as a necessity for salvation.

**Acts 3:11–16** As Peter and John preach to the crowd after healing the lame man, they connected the death and Resurrection of Jesus and affirmed that they were witnesses of those things.

**Acts 4:8–12** In defending themselves before the Sanhedrin, Peter proclaimed that the healing happened in the name of Jesus Christ whom they had crucified and whom God had raised from the dead.

**Romans 4:23–25** Paul clearly connects our justification (being made righteous in God's eyes) as believers to the Resurrection of Jesus. We normally connect our justification to the work on the Cross, but Paul connects justification to what happened after the Cross, so both must be true.

**1 Corinthians 15:1–5, 15:12–19** As Paul recounts the essential elements of the gospel message he preached, he strongly connects the death and Resurrection of Jesus in verses 3–5. In the latter part of the passage, Paul reminds the Corinthians, and us, that the Resurrection is an essential part of our hope in Christ, and apart from the Resurrection we are still dead in our sins.

**2 Corinthians 5:14–16** In encouraging the believers at Corinth, Paul reminded them that their hope is in Jesus who died for them and rose again.

If we were to look at more passages, we would find this same connection over and over. Now, not every single instance shows this clear connection between the death and Resurrection of Jesus, but the overwhelming flavor of the New Testament is that both are important aspects of our understanding of how salvation is provided for us. Now let's think about what these passages mean for the way we share the gospel.

1. What is the connection in these passages between proclaiming the death and the Resurrection of Jesus in presenting the gospel? *In all of these passages, there is a clear connection between these two events.*
2. Do you always mention both the Cross and the Resurrection when you share the gospel? *Discuss various answers with the students.*
3. Considering Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 2:1–5, if you don't remember to mention the Resurrection in a presentation of the gospel, have you failed to offer the hope of Christ for salvation? *In this passage, it seems that Paul is using a "theological shorthand" of the Crucifixion to mean the whole message of the gospel. We know that he preached the Resurrection as part of his gospel proclamation based on his words in 1 Corinthians 15. But he is talking to believers who will likely make this connection in their minds. When sharing with an unbeliever, we should make every effort to follow the pattern of Scripture and connect the work on the Cross to the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive today. However, if we do forget, we can trust that God will use what we have spoken to accomplish His intents, and we know His grace covers that failure and empowers us to remember the next time.*