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Genesis 1:26 – "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over...."

Romans 3:23 – "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

1 Peter 3:18 – "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God..."

~ Promise Made and Promise Kept

Genesis 3:15 – "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

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- 1. Jesus was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Jesus is the Triune God in bodily form, revealing God's <u>holiness</u>, <u>love</u>, <u>and purpose</u>. (Matthew 1:21, 9:35-36)
- 3. Jesus had full authority over nature, sickness, <u>evil spirits</u>, <u>and death</u>. (Matthew 9:27-34)
- 4. Jesus willingly, obediently, and sufficiently suffered and died on the cross, shedding His blood for our sins. (Matthew 27:41-46)
- 5. Jesus fulfilled His promise, defeating Satan, death, and the bondage of sin when He arose from the grave on the third day. (Matthew 28:1-6)
- 6. Jesus returned to the Father and sent the promised presence and power of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19-20)

John 7:37-39 – "...Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke of the Spirit..."

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse (April) – Jesus said... "*I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even when he dies."* John 11:25

Main Truths:

God the Father made a promise and kept it. He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to rescue us from the kingdom of darkness and to deliver us into the kingdom of Light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we who believe in Jesus Christ are forgiven of our sins, and God's Spirit now dwells in us. (John 1:12-13, Colossians 1:9-14, and 1 Cor. 3:16)

#1- Reviewing This Past Sunday The Story: "The Rescue" Matthew 28:1-10

- 1. Read Matthew 28:1-10 and discuss with someone.
- 2. In all of history there is no one like Jesus Christ. What would you say to someone following a false religion concerning the difference between trusting in the sufficiency of Jesus and trying to perform religious works to get approval from God?
- 3. God planned our rescue before time began, made arrangements for it to happen, and let nothing stop Him in purchasing us for Himself. What value does that give to His people?
- 4. How are we now to live since God kept His promise? (Romans 6:1-23)
- 5. Why is it important to know God's story in our daily lives and also in sharing the Gospel effectively with others?
- 6. Pray for someone to accept God's story!

2- Preparing for Next Sunday The Story: "The Restoration" Revelation 21:1-9, 22-27

- 1. Why do you think there is a universal desire for "happily ever after"?
- 2. Imagine seeing the Lord Jesus Christ face to face and hearing him say, "Welcome into the joy of your Master." What can meditating on this truth do for our daily lives?
- 3. Read Revelation 21 and describe what the future will look like for God's people.
- 4. What does verse 5 mean for you and your life right now?
- 5. Praise Him and pray that God would use us in making everything new.