

# Surprised by Suffering by Dr. R.C. Sproul

## Lesson 5 – Suffering: The Resurrection of Christ

### **Introduction**

To rise above speculation about life after death, we must turn our attention to the words and experiences of Jesus. Not only was the concept of life beyond the grave at the core of His teaching message, but His own bodily resurrection and appearance to hundreds of people forms the cornerstone of the Christian faith.

### **Learning Objectives**

By the end of this session you will:

1. Identify the logical conclusion of viewing death as final.
2. Discover Jesus' statements about life after death.
3. Examine Paul's convictions that there is a resurrection of the dead.
4. Affirm personal faith in Jesus' triumph over death.

### **Quotation**

*One of the most difficult dimensions a person experiences at the approach of death is the troubling knowledge that the journey must be made alone, without human companionship. We can hold their hand and they can hold ours. But a moment comes when separation takes place. It is that separation, however temporary, that distresses our spirits.* - R.C. Sproul

### **Questions to consider**

1. Why can you trust Jesus' promise in John 14:1-3?
2. Imagine a bouquet of flowers. Why are they commonly displayed at a funeral?
3. List the reasons you believe that people who die "in faith" really do live with Christ.
4. If in a group, share any personal, present experience in coping with suffering and or loss.

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