

who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Life Skills Class

Our Youth Life Skills class with Tom is every Wednesday night at 7pm for all Youth grades 7-12.

Don't miss these great lessons that you can immediately apply to your own every day life.

exactly what will happen when they arrive in Jerusalem (**Matthew 20:17-19**) including that on the third day he will be raised to life, yet when the time comes they were still unprepared. They still did not expect what happened.

When Jesus died on the cross and was placed in the tomb, the Disciples all expected that it was all over and Jesus was gone. Nobody expected the Resurrection and they certainly were no longer thinking of spreading Jesus' message.

On Sunday morning (the third day) when they found the tomb empty, since they expected Jesus to be dead, their natural assumption was that somebody had stolen His body (**John 20**).

Even when Mary sees Jesus alive and actually talks with Him she doesn't realize that it is Jesus because her expectation is that He is dead.

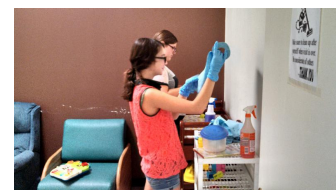
We said that this is important because it shows us that our expectations can actually blind us from the truth even when it is standing right in front of us. When we don't expect the miracles and the goodness of God in our lives, we will not see them although they are all around us and even right in front of us.

Of course, Jesus is able to finally convince them all that He was indeed raised from the dead just as He said He would be. Even Thomas believed but only after actually seeing, and touching, Jesus' wounds. Jesus tells them to now "Stop doubting and believe" [**John 20:27**]

Jesus blessed all of us who have NOT seen yet still believe by our faith. We said that through the power of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit, we can all have the same faith as Jesus, live in the same peace and authority as Jesus and we can always expect the **unexpected with God**.

Upcoming Events

Due to Women's Conference, our monthly community service at Tempe CPS will be on the 4th Saturday (April 25th) We meet at LWA at 9:30am and return after lunch.



Keep your eyes open for more awesome 1 Youth events coming soon!

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Mark 4:35-40, John 6:5-13, John 11:1-44, Matthew 20:17-19, John 20:1-29

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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