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### SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott For the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

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Easter Lesson. I Cor. xv:12-28.  
 New is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. I Cor. xv:20.

Verses 12-13.—Does the doctrine of the resurrection of the body rest upon revelation or upon reason?

Providing the soul is immortal is it, or not, of material importance whether the body is raised or not?

If there is no resurrection of the dead, it follows as Paul here states, that Christ is not risen; but is the converse true, that if Christ is risen then all human beings will necessarily be resurrected?

It seems that some in Corinth denied the resurrection of the dead in the sense that there is no life after death, now if that were true, then how much would there be left in Christianity?

What is the process of reasoning that demonstrates the fact of immortality?

What is the scripture proof of life after death?  
 Can you mention a single nation or tribe of the past, or at the present, which has not believed in immortality in some shape?

Verses 14-17—If there is no resurrection of the dead, how would that make their preaching vain, make our faith vain, and make them false witnesses?

Verses 18-19—How is it that all men instinctively believe in the immortality of their departed friends, and expect to meet them again?

It was doubtless true in Paul's day that if there was no immortality Christians were of all men most miserable, because, they were then despised, imprisoned and put to death; but is the same true today? Is not Christ's religion now a grand thing for this world, even if death did end all?

Verse 20—What is the chief evidence of the truth of Christianity?

What is the proof that Jesus did rise from the dead? (See Matt. xxvi:16-18; Mark xvi:14; Luke xxiv:36-38; John xx:4,5,14,26; xxi:4; Acts 1:3,13,30,31; I Cor. xv:3-8, et seq.)

Is the fact of the resurrection of Jesus to be proved by evidence, like any other fact, and is there any other historic fact better attested?

Why was it, when Jesus was crucified that His disciples were a dispirited band, having lost heart, and going back to their former occupation, and what was it afterwards that put new life in them, and made them the most courageous men that ever lived? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the Club.)

What became the prominent theme of their preaching?

Is it credible that such noble men, who afterward laid down their lives for the truth, would testify that they had seen and talked to Jesus after his death, if they had not so seen him?

Verse 21-22—Would there have been natural death if there had been no sin?

Would there have been any resurrection of the dead, if Jesus had not been resurrected?

Verses 23-28—Was Christ the first man to rise from the dead?

When will the general resurrection be?

Will Christ finally abolish death and destroy sin?

Has God put all the forces of nature under the control of Jesus?

Lesson for Sunday, April 18, 1909.—The Conversion of Saul. Acts ix:1-30.

### Gold and Silver Medals Bibles—Books.

The International Newspaper Bible Study Club is for the purpose of promoting, in an unfettered way among the masses, a wider study of the Bible, the basal truths of Christianity, and the problems which enter into every man's life. It is composed of all those who join a Local Club, and take up the simple course herein outlined, barring only ordained clergymen. All who have not joined are warmly invited to do so and to compete for the prizes.

Persons may join the club at any time during the year, but must, of course answer the 52 questions hereinafter explained, to qualify for the prizes, and the back questions may be obtained from this office.

This paper has secured the right to publish the International Sunday School Lessons by Rev. Dr. Linscott, which have aroused so much interest elsewhere, and they will appear weekly. One of these questions each week is to be answered in writing, and upon these answers the prizes are to be awarded.

This paper is authorized to form a Local Newspaper Bible Study Club for its readers, and guarantees to all who join and fulfil the conditions, that everything herein promised shall be faithfully carried out.

#### CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.

1. Each contestant, or his or her family, must be a subscriber to this paper, in order to qualify for membership in the International Newspaper Bible Study Club and this Local Club.

2. Each contestant in this Local Club must answer each of the written questions, for 52 consecutive weeks, commencing for Sunday, March 7, and the answers must all be in the possession of this paper within two weeks of the close of this period.

3. Each question must be answered separately, and the paper written on one side only. No answer must exceed two hundred words in length and may be less. Each answer must have the name and address of the writer at the bottom of the answer.

4. The answers must be delivered to this office, and they will be collated at the close of the contest, and forwarded to headquarters for independent examination by competent examiners. The prizes will then be awarded according to the highest number of marks, won by members of the International Newspaper Bible Study Club, and prizes which may be awarded to members of this Local Club will be given out from this office.

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All who can write, and have ideas, are urged to take up these studies regardless of the degree of their education, as the papers are not valued from an educational or literary standpoint, but from the point of view of the cogency of their reasoned ideas.

#### Rickreall.

The high water of last winter washed several rods of Samuel Orr's hop yard down the Lacreole.

John Orr has leased the W. H. Kimsey place south of the Lacreole. Mr. Kimsey was compelled to discontinue farming on account of poor health.

Miss Wretha Scott is spending a short time with relatives at Monmouth Heights.

John Hodges made a special trip to Bridwell station Saturday afternoon.

Samuel Orr is having a fine residence constructed in Portland this spring.

Harry Dempsey, of the metropolis, is working in Mark Burch's hop yard this summer.

William Griffith, of Stayton, is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Sleiger.

Robert and Elmer Griffith went to Bridgeport the latter part of last week to work in a hop yard at that place.

Dr. Crowley, of Monmouth, passed through Rickreall Sunday enroute to his home in that city.

Allie Griffith, wife and daughter Netta, and Linnie Shipley, of Monmouth Heights, were guests of Mrs. Sleiger Sunday.

Dr. Butler and Ross Nelson passed over our streets Friday in the doctor's fine touring car enroute to their respective homes in Independence.

All of the hop yards in and around Rickreall are being cultivated and will be put in first class shape.

Peter Cook, our enterprising and rustling merchant, recently received a large shipment of fine buggies.

Otis Waite, Vern Fox and a number of others attended the horse show in Salem Saturday.

Dave Hampton and Fred Huber were transacting land business in Portland the latter part of last week.