

Daily Jump Start

Last Sunday was Easter Sunday, where Christians all over the planet celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Have you ever considered the “ripple effect” of the resurrection and the resulting Christian faith?

"Christianity is largely responsible for the way our society is organized and for the way we currently live. So extensive is the Christian contribution to our laws, our economics, our politics, our arts, our calendar, our holidays, and our moral and cultural priorities that historian J. M. Robers writes in *The Triumph of the West*, 'We could none of us today be what we are if a handful of Jews nearly two thousand years ago had not believed that they had known a great teacher, seen him crucified, dead, and buried, and then rise again.' " (From the book *What's So Great about Christianity* by Dinesh D'Souza.)

DAY 1 - The Value of Children	DAY 2 - Compassion and Mercy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Key Verse: but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14 ▫ Did you know? In the ancient world, for example in classical Rome or Greece, infanticide was not only legal, it was applauded. Through a higher view of life, it was the early Christian church that ultimately brought an end to infanticide. The modern pro-life movement is largely Christian. ▫ Pray: Thank God for the example of loving children that Jesus Christ modeled for us. ▫ Additional reading if time permits: Matthew 19:13-15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Key Verse: And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27 ▫ Did you know? The United States consistently ranks as one of the top giving nations in the world. The Christian influence in our country has been linked to the emphasis on compassion, on helping the needy, and on alleviating distress even in distant places. ▫ Pray: Praise God for the teaching of Jesus Christ that directs us to look beyond ourselves. ▫ Additional reading if time permits: Luke 10:25-37
DAY 3 - Education	DAY 4 - Medicine and Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Key Verse: “And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3 ▫ Did you know? All but one of the first 123 colleges in colonial America were Christian institutions. Harvard’s founding mission statement was “<i>Let every student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life.</i>” ▫ Pray: Praise God for religious freedom and the opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ and eternal life. ▫ Additional reading if time permits: John 17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Key Verse: And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” Mark 10:52a ▫ Did you know? Christianity is based upon the notion that there is a rational God who is the source of rational truth. This gives rise to the possibility of scientific laws. Many of the founders of modern science (Keppler, Boyle, Pascal, Pasteur, Newton, etc.) were Christians. The same God who created the laws of science can break them (miracles) when He so chooses. ▫ Pray: Praise God for sending us the “Great Physician” Jesus Christ, who heals our broken souls. ▫ Additional reading if time permits: Mark 10:46-52

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