The Inevitable Miracle

It was impossible for Jesus to be held in the power of death (Acts 2:24). Jesus is the Prince of Life who gives life and whom the grave could not hold (Acts 3:15).

**Why was it impossible for death to hold Jesus down?**

**1. The Answer from *Doctrine***

Jesus is the Son of God

A. He is eternal in His *divine life*

John 1:1-5; 5:26

B. He has authority over His *human life*

John 10:17-18

**2. The Answer from the *Prophets***

Luke 24:44-47; Acts 26:22-23

**3. The Answer from the *Gospels***

If our salvation depends on the death and resurrection of Christ, why do the gospels use much more space describing His life and His teaching? They impress us with—

A. The kind of *Man* they murdered

Acts 10:38

B. The kind of *power* He possessed

Mark 4:35-39; 6:47-52

Luke 7:11-16; 8:49-56; John 11:38-44

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. Some prophecies of Christ’s sufferings, death, and resurrection

Genesis 22:1-14 with Hebrews 11:17-19 (an acted-out parable of the Father who sacrificed His Son and received Him back alive again)

Psalm 16:10 with Acts 2:25-32 (Jesus is the only one who did not suffer the decay of death)

Psalm 110:1 with Acts 2:34-35 (the ascension of Jesus until the time appointed for Him to crush His enemies; Jesus applies this verse to Himself in Matthew 22:41-46)

Isaiah 50:6-10 (after His humiliation, the Servant of the Lord is vindicated)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (after the Servant is tortured and dies, He will divide the booty with the strong. The strong are those who overcome because they are redeemed.)