November 11 Answers

1) The significance of Jesus' resurrection can be seen in the following ways: (1) It validates and confirms everything Jesus said about Himself. Jesus claimed to be one with the Father (John 10:30), the Son of God (John 5:17–18), the source of eternal life (John 17:3), the only way to God (John 14:6), the Messiah of Israel (John 4:25–26), and the Son of Man (Mark 14:62). Jesus' resurrection means that all these things are true. (2) It proves that Jesus' sacrifice for sin is acceptable to God. The Spirit said, "When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God" (Heb 10:12). By raising Jesus from the dead, the Father showed that He accepted the once-for-all sacrifice of His Son as the atonement for the sins of the world. (3) It proves that Jesus has power over death. Paul said, "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him" (Rom 6:9). Jesus' resurrection means our own victory over death as well, for God has "raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph 2:6). (4) It means that Jesus lives forever as the mediator of the New Covenant through His blood. The author of Hebrews said, "He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them" (Heb 7:25). Praise God for a great High Priest who lives forever!