

RESURRECTION

Salt of the Earth: Palestinian Christians in the Northern West Bank: A Study Guide
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Summary: This session looks at resurrection and rebirth. We will meet Fr. Firas, a young priest who has re-opened the Melkite (Greek Catholic) church in Zababdeh after nearly two decades of neglect.

4 **Prayer and introduction**
min

Sample Prayer
*God of power and might, open our hearts and minds to comprehend the miracle of resurrection.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

5 **Scripture**
min Mark 5:35-43
 Luke 24: 1-12

15 **Questions**
min *In these scriptures, how do people react to resurrection or the prospect of healing from death? Place yourself in the stories and imagine how you might respond.*

15 **Film**
min “Resurrection” segment.

15 **Questions**
min *Fr. Firas preaches on the Mark passage. What is the message Fr. Firas delivers to his congregation? What are the ways that this message and this story can speak to you individually and to your congregation?*

5 **Closing and prayer**
min

Sample Prayer
Blessed Lord and Savior, we pray for Fr. Firas and his congregation. We pray for faith and courage to live as “resurrection people” in a broken world. In Christ’s holy name we pray. Amen.

Daily Walk

An invitation to daily prayer and witness

<p>Daily Prayer: <i>Frame your daily walk with this series in prayer—feel free to use your own prayer or the one provided:</i> Blessed Lord and Savior, I pray for the unity of your church. Bind us together as your Body, a holy instrument of grace and healing in our world. In your holy name I pray. Amen.</p>	<p>Daily Action: Available online: http://www.saltfilms.net/guides/advent-student.pdf</p> <p>Day 1) <i>Read Scripture:</i> 1 Corinthians 12: 12-26.</p> <p>Day 2) <i>Hear from Holy Land Christians:</i> Easter message from the Patriarchs and Heads of the Christian Communities in Jerusalem. http://www.hcef.org/hcef/includes/news/print.cfm/ID/66.cfm</p> <p>Day 3) <i>Learn more:</i> A description of Holy Week celebrations in Jerusalem. http://www.saudiararamcoworld.com/issue/196502/another.easter.htm</p> <p>Day 4) <i>Be inspired:</i> The Middle East Council of Churches. http://www.mec-churches.org/about_mecc.htm</p> <p>Day 5) <i>Share:</i> Take time to tell someone new about how you've been moved this week by this Study Series. Invite him/her to pray with you.</p> <p>Day 6) <i>Act:</i> Worship with a Christian congregation very different (denominationally, liturgically, socially) from your own.</p>
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