

# Jesus as the New Adam

Week of May 30: Romans 5:9-19

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## Observation

1. Read Romans 5:9-19. What questions do you have?
2. The word *reign* is used several times in this text. To reign implies having the greatest influence or authority in a certain sphere. Notice what things are described as reigning in the passage. Through what do each of these things reign, and what is the result of their reign?

### **Observation: What does it say?**

1. What do you notice about the text?  
Things to look for:
  - repeating words and phrases
  - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
  - contrasts and comparisons
  - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
  - cause and effect relationships
  - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
  - grammar
  - larger themes in the passage
  - key words and themes
2. What questions do you have?

# Interpretation

1. What was Adam's sin (also see Genesis 3), and what was the result of this according to Romans 5?

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2. Verse 13 highlights that sin existed in the world even before the law of Moses was given to the Israelites. How do you understand the relationship between sin, death, and the law according to this text?

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3. How would you define sin based on this text? How would you define righteousness?

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4. Today physical death is still part of our experience. What does it mean for *life* to be offered through Jesus (v18, 21)? (See also Romans 6:5-11)

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## Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

# Application

1. Living authentically and being true to yourself is a value in our society today. As followers of Jesus we are also called to be true to who we are - to live as people who are no longer under the reign of sin, but under the reign of grace. How does being under this new authority affect the way we relate to ourselves, others, and to God?

# Suggestion for Prayer

Spend time thanking God for what he has done. Thank him for the specific ways that you have experienced his grace in your life.