



## Religion Handout– Lesson #3

Grades 6th – 12th

### Excerpt from the Paschal Homily of St John Chrysostom

For the Savior's death has set us free.  
He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it.

By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive.  
He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh.  
And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry:  
Hell, said he, was embittered  
When it encountered Thee in the lower regions.

It was embittered, for it was abolished.  
It was embittered, for it was mocked.  
It was embittered, for it was slain.  
It was embittered, for it was overthrown.  
It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains.  
It took a body, and met God face to face.  
It took earth, and encountered Heaven.  
It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is thy sting?  
O Hell, where is thy victory?

Christ is risen, and thou art overthrown!  
Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen!  
Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!  
Christ is risen, and life reigns!  
Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave.  
For Christ, being risen from the dead,  
Is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be glory and dominion  
Unto ages of ages.

Amen.

## Discussion Questions

1. What did Jesus do before He rose from the dead on the third day?
2. Where did the souls of every dead person go before Christ rose from the dead?
3. What new opportunity is given to people who die after Christ's resurrection? Why is this important?
4. For what are we still waiting in order for the battle to be completely finished?
5. In your own words, explain what it means to be a Soldier of Christ. List 4 things you plan to do after camp is over to wage spiritual warfare more successfully.