

Read 1Corinthians 15:1 - 20:

What is the gospel Paul had preached, how does he summarize it?

What evidence does Paul give for the resurrection?

Why do people find it so hard to believe the resurrection?

If there is no resurrection, then Jesus was not raised. If this is the case what are the consequences for us?

In v20 Paul gives a strong indorsement of the reality of the resurrection, how does this encourage you?

Palm Sunday to Pentecost

Study 3: The Resurrected King.

Readings: Luke 24:1 – 35
1Corinthians 15:1 – 20

The traditional greeting on Easter Sunday in the services is: Christ is Risen. **He is risen indeed!**

The resurrection is central to our understanding of Jesus' gift of salvation. If Jesus was not resurrected, then as Paul writes in 1Corinthians 15 we have no hope.

Jesus during his public ministry did not just say he would die, but that after 3 days he would rise again. The resurrection is a test of the truthfulness of Jesus and proof the penalty has been fully paid and there is a promise of resurrection for all who believe.

Read Luke 24:1 - 12:

What do you think the women were thinking as they walked to the tomb?

How would they have felt when they found the tomb open and empty?

Why should the women have not been surprised? What had Jesus told them?

When Jesus asked about what they were discussing, what was their reaction?

The disciples' response was worse, how does Luke describe their reaction in v11?

What had been their hope? Why do they not understand what has happened?

Peter ran to see if the tomb, what was his response?

What was Jesus' antidote to their lack of understanding, their unbelief?

Read Luke 24:13 - 35:

The account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus continues this pattern of bewilderment. What was the topic of their discussion as they walked home?

What changed as they sat for a meal with Jesus? Why do you think this happened?

What had happened to the other disciples back in Jerusalem?

How does the very fact they are going to Emmaus bear witness to their psychological state?

If you had been there, how might you have reacted?