

THE DIFFERENCE EASTER MAKES

April 21, 2019

Why Jesus' Resurrection is a Really Big Deal:

1 Corinthians 15:14-19

If Jesus did not come out of the grave alive...

... Christianity is just _____

... The Bible is an _____

... Heaven is a _____

... Christians are _____

Why the Resurrection Should be Believed:

it's philosophically _____

it's _____ credible

It's _____ credible

- An _____

- Numerous _____

- Radically changed _____

Faith is not believing the _____;

it's acting upon the _____.

Fill-ins: wishful thinking; evil lie; myth; pitiful fools; credible; theologically; historically; empty tomb; eyewitnesses; lives; unbelievable; evidence

(For further study Jesus and the resurrection, check out Lee Strobel's *The Case for Christ*- both the book and the film)

Life Group Questions for the Week of April 21, 2019

1. Easter is one of many holidays when a lot of families have special traditions for how they celebrate them. What is the weirdest or most unique tradition (holiday or otherwise) your family had when you were growing up?

2. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

3. Jesus rising from the dead is foundational to the Christian faith because it is the proof that Christ is who he claimed to be – God in the flesh, Lord and Savior. But it also has impact on how we live our lives. What importance does 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 place on Christ's resurrection for us in our Christian walk?

What do Romans 5:6-8 and 6:5-7 add to your understanding of the importance of Christ's death and resurrection for us?

4. Because Jesus rose from the dead, he is who he claims to be. The following passages all contain statements that Jesus made about himself. For each one, identify what he says about himself and any ways you can think of for how his description of himself can have an impact on our lives as believers.

John 6:35; John 8:12; John 10:7-10; John 10:14-15; John 11:25; John 14:6

Which of the descriptions Jesus uses for himself is most encouraging to you?

5. On Sunday we looked at the different ways Jesus' resurrection is credible-philosophically, theologically and historically. Which of the three do you find most convincing and/or least convincing? Why?

6. Who in your life needs to hear the truth about Jesus and his resurrection? How can you go about sharing it with them?