

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. How important is scientific conclusion from the Journal of of the American Medical Association that Jesus truly died by crucifixion?
(<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/403315>)

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it. Use the notes or referenced scriptures related to the verses to add to the discussion.

2. Please read Luke 24:1-7
 - a. What happened while the women were wondering what had happened to Jesus' body?
 - b. How did the women respond to the angels?
 - c. What words of Jesus did the women remember?
 - d. Why is Jesus resurrection central to the our Christian faith?
 - e. Why do you think people have a difficult time accepting the truth of the gospel?
3. Please read John 20:1-10
 - a. Why do you think Mary went to the tomb?
 - b. What is similar between this account and the Luke account?
 - c. Why do you think there are differences? Does it bother you?
 - d. Does it really make a difference in your life if the resurrection of Jesus is true?
4. Please read Corinthians 15:3-8
 - a. Why are these early eye witnesses so important and not easy to ignore?
 - b. Does it make a difference the the witnesses were willing to die for their belief in the resurrection of Christ?

- c. What are your reasons for your believe in Jesus' resurrection?
5. Please read Romans 10:8-10
 - a. What must you believe in order to be saved from sin?
 - b. Why is it essential to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead?
 - c. Why is just as important to believe with your heart and confess with your mouth for salvation?

Application

Below are some key points to take away from this study. Take time to discuss the points and pray together:

- God loved us first! He initiated a loving relationship with humanity through Jesus. (1 John 4:19)
- There is a difference in “believing that” and “believing in” the resurrection of Jesus Christ. What do you believe?
- The resurrection establishes Jesus’ identity. (Matthew 12:39-40)
- The resurrection validates our Christian faith. (John 5:18)
- The resurrection energizes the gospel message. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)