

Study Guide  
Resurrection Realities  
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**KEY VERSE:**

*“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.*

Mark 16:6 (NIV)

**Read the following passages:**

**Mark 15:16-27**

**Mark 15:33-38**

**Mark 15:42-47**

**Mark 16:1-6**

**What reality does the resurrection of Jesus have in our life today?**

**Do you live your daily life in a way that shows the reality of Christ’s resurrection?**

1 Corinthians 15:14-15 (NIV)

And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can’t be true if there is no resurrection of the dead.

The validity of the Bible rests upon this belief – that Jesus was resurrected from the dead. If the resurrection did not happen, then Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were all cons and liars. If there is no resurrection, then the idea that your life can be changed is nothing more than wishful thinking.

**Read 1 Corinthians 15:17-19.**

**Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?**

**What kind of life transformation have you experienced since you accepted Christ?**

**Is the hope of life transformation only a hope for this life on earth?**

The Resurrection of Jesus and Easter is the cornerstone of the Christian’s life. It is the resurrection that gives today meaning and tomorrow expectation. We should celebrate the resurrection daily.

**How do we keep the importance and excitement of the resurrection at the forefront of our thinking?**

**How do we move the resurrection of Jesus from a once-a-year celebration to a daily excitement and reality?**

There are four present-day realities that will help us keep the importance and excitement of the resurrection at the forefront of our thinking:

1. Because of the resurrection, we have a new identity.
  - a. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.**
  - b. **What does it mean to be a “new creation”?**
  - c. **Do you truly live as if “the old has passed away,” and “the new has come”?**
  
2. Because of the resurrection, we have the power of God inside of us.
  - a. **Read Romans 8:11.**
  - b. **Do you live as if the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you?**
  - c. **Do you allow Christ’s resurrection power to bring life to your spirit daily?**
  
3. Because of the resurrection, we have “inside information” about life that others do not.
  - a. **Read John 16:13.**
  - b. **Who is the “Spirit of truth”?**
  - c. **What does Jesus promise that the Spirit of truth will do in this verse?**
  - d. **Do you take time daily to hear from the Holy Spirit as you walk through life?**
  
4. Because of the resurrection, we have no fear of death.
  - a. **Read Hebrews 2:14-15**
  - b. **Why did Jesus have to become a man for us to inherit His resurrection power?**
  - c. **What does verse 15 tell us that Christ’s resurrection has set us free from?**

Ephesians 1:16-21, (NIV)

*I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*