

Did Jesus Really Rise From The Dead?

1 Corinthians 15:14

Easter Sunday,
April 9th, 2023

- Last Week: The Beggar, The Donkey, & Our King — Mark 10:46-11:10

3 Pieces Of Evidence

1. _____ Evidence

- Was Jesus Really _____ After His Ordeal On The Cross?

2. _____ Evidence

- Was His Tomb Actually _____ On That First Easter Morning?

3. _____ Evidence- Jesus' Resurrection Appearances

- Did _____ People Subsequently Encounter Him?

3 Keys To Responding

1. The Good News Is _____

- We Cannot Earn Our Way To A _____ With God

2. _____ Is Free

- God Has _____ Us The Way To Heaven & A Right Relationship With God Through His Son Jesus

3. Forgiveness Is _____

- Understand & Believe What It _____ _____ For Us To Freely Enjoy Real Forgiveness

“Now there was about this time **Jesus**, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.”

—*Josephus*, Jewish Historian in 93-94 A.D. in *The Antiquity of The Jews*

- Next Week: Service Times- 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM — The Fruitless Fig Tree & The Lord Of The Nations, Mark 11:11-26

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. Would you be willing to suffer for another person? What would motivate you to suffer for another person?
2. What evidence do you find compelling that Jesus not only died but rose from the tomb?
3. What are the most compelling eyewitness accounts of the resurrection? What makes them compelling and believable?
4. Have you faced a loss in your life? How would belief in the resurrection affect the way you view life and the losses in life?

Suggested Reading: *The Case For Easter: A Journalist Investigates Evidence For The Resurrection*, by Lee Strobel

Key Words For Kids To Count: Resurrection