

May 2021

## *Church Life*

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today!
- The **Life Team** is sponsoring a LifeWalk fundraising walk to benefit **Lakeshore Pregnancy Center**. The walk will begin at First Baptist Church, Zeeland, on Saturday, June 19th, at 9:00 am.
- **Grace Motorcycle Ministry** is starting up in May! Please meet at Grace at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 25th. At approximately 6:30 pm, the group will leave for a ride and get some ice cream! Plan on arriving back at church around 8-8:30 pm. Invite a motorcycle friend(s) to come along! This is open to men and women and will meet the 4th Tuesday of May through August. Please contact Tom TenHarmsel at [ttenharmssel@gmail.com](mailto:ttenharmssel@gmail.com) or Jim Hill at [jimhill0626@gmail.com](mailto:jimhill0626@gmail.com) with questions. Please signup at the scooter table if you are interested.
- Storms and difficulties are often part of our lives. The good news is that God loves to bring healing and restoration to our broken hearts. If you are facing or have experienced divorce and would be interested in a **Divorce Care Group** led by an experienced and qualified counselor, please contact Lynne Lehocky at: [llehocky@yahoo.com](mailto:llehocky@yahoo.com) or Pastor John at: [john@gracechapelzeeland.com](mailto:john@gracechapelzeeland.com)
- Ladies, mark your calendar; we are going on a bus trip to Shipshewana on June 15th! The bus will leave Grace at 8:00 am and return around 7:00 pm. Plan on eating at the Blue Gate Restaurant around 4:00 pm before heading home. The cost will be \$10/person (lunch will be extra). Please Signup at the Scooter table.



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9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Resurrection Appearances

**Most Important questions you will ever answer?**

**Do you believe Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Do you submit your \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus as the only source of \_\_\_\_\_?**

**1 Corinthians 15: 6-7,** <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

**Jesus' resurrection wasn't a \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

**What would it take for you to believe your sibling was the son of God?**

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**John 7:5,** "For even his own BROTHERS did not believe in him."

**Acts 1:14** They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

### **Life Application**

**If you still doubt Jesus' resurrection, write down why. Write down what holds you back from believing.**

**If you believe Jesus' resurrection, write down why. Write down what makes you SO confident that He really rose from the dead.**

**Find someone with the OPPOSITE view of you and share with them and have a discussion.**



**May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021**

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Resurrection Appearances**

The Roman historian Tacitus wrote this: Nero fastened the guilt ... on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of ... Pontius Pilatus. A most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome.... (Tacitus, Annals 15.44, cited in Strobel, The Case for Christ, 82)

1. "What can we learn from this ancient and rather unsympathetic reference to Jesus and the early Christians?"
2. Notice that this Roman historian who lived during the time of Jesus, said that Christ's death led to a "a most mischievous superstition which subsequently arose not only in Judaea, but also in Rome." What does that mean?
3. This makes it seem like everyone knew about this. That this rumor was spreading across Rome like wildfire! Why is this important?

**Most Important questions you will ever answer?**

**Do you believe Jesus rose from the dead?  
Do you submit your life to Jesus as the only source of salvation?**

4. For those who answer yes to the above questions, we see Jesus charging His disciples then and now to go and continue His ministry. How are you doing with this call to ALL believers?

**READ: 1 Corinthians 15: 6-7**

5. Who wrote this letter?
6. What do you know about Paul?
7. Paul was a skeptic and set out to prove Jesus was not who he said he was and became a believer in the process. Discuss how this happened.

*A Quote from Pastor Adam... Paul said, "Jesus appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time," I could make something like this up and say I saw it happen. I might even be able to get a dozen of us to all claim it was true. But could I get hundreds of people all claiming the exact same thing? Not likely! Paul does not stop with just the number he also says, and these hundreds of people who saw this, "most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep." What does that mean? It means hey, you do not have to take my word for it! Hundreds of people who saw this FIRST-HAND are still alive go ask them! This is not some "he said she said" thing!*

**READ the quote above and discuss.**

**KEY POINT: Jesus' resurrection wasn't a conspiracy theory.**

Paul had an interview with James, READ: **Galatians 1:18-19**, what insight do you gain from this? **Read: John 7:5**, What does this tell us?

8. What would it take for you to believe your sibling was the son of God?
9. Read: Acts 1:14, So what happened that could possibly have changed their minds?
10. Pastor Adam used the Corona virus to make a point about doubt and eye-witnesses versus 2000 years later reporting. Our eye-witness knowledge about the virus, versus 2000 years later opinion, could be quite different. Do you think there might be some doubt in 2000 years if corona virus was real or all made up?
11. Just because there is doubt it does not mean it was not real. Give other examples.
12. So why not believe in Jesus with the same logic?

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