

*Who is Jesus?
He is . . . Lord!*

**“God highly exalted him . . . that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord . . .”
(Philippians 2:9, 11)**

Introduction:

“It’s Friday, but Sunday’s a coming!”
How important is the resurrection of Jesus?

Three Questions About the Resurrection of Jesus

1. Are there good reasons for believing it really happened?
2. What does it say about Jesus?

He is Lord—His authority is universal
(Acts 2:36; Matthew 28:18; Philippians 2:9-11).

He is Savior—His forgiveness is available
(Acts 5:30-31; Matthew 26:28; Acts 13:38-39).

He is Judge—His evaluation is inescapable
(Acts 17:30-31; John 5:22; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

3. What does it say to us?

So What About You?

“Anyone can be sentimental about the Nativity; any fool can feel like a Christian at Christmas. But Easter is the main event; if you don’t believe in the resurrection, you’re not a believer.” [a character in John Irving’s *A Prayer for Owen Meany*]

The verdict you reach in the case for Christ and His resurrection will become a pivotal event in your life as well. It will lead you to one set of values and priorities or another quite different. It will lead to the development of godly character in you or another quite different. It will give you a personal relationship with God and firm hope for your future, or it will leave you with neither.