

3. We also identified five results for those who truly believe in Jesus as their risen Savior and Lord. Which ones are most important to you and why? (You can have hope, be forgiven, see some people again, be changed, and can be saved)

4. We are saved by faith, but there are reasons for us to believe. Which of the points from Sunday's message were most convincing for you or not convincing?

5. We briefly looked in at Paul's excitement about his faith in Jesus from *Philippians 3:7-11*. What phrases in these verses stand out to you and how does it get you excited about your faith?

6. Extra Credit- Read *1 Corinthians 15:50-58* and list points from this passage that excite you about God's plan for you.

Taking it Home-

This week pray for each other that we would live out the joy and power of knowing the resurrected Jesus. Let's keep praying for those who don't know Him. *Colossians 4:2-4*

"Look In" Series

April 11, 2021

"Look In at Why the Tomb is Empty!"

John 20, Philippians 3

Let's look in at the tomb

The tomb was looked in at and found empty!

The natural explanations for the empty tomb are not convincing.

1. The swoon theory
2. The theft theory
3. The wrong tomb theory
4. The hallucination theory

The supernatural explanation for the empty tomb makes sense

1. Jesus of Nazareth really lived and really died.
(Secular and Christian sources- Tacitus, Josephus, Suetonius, New Testament writers and archaeology)
2. Followers had experiences that they believed were physical appearances of Jesus.
John 20:24-29
3. The event that impacted the world was fundamentally based on the resurrection.
Acts 17:3, 6

4. Believers in the resurrection were willing to die for what they were convinced was true and not a lie.

5. The written record and proclamation of the resurrection was practically immediate.
1 Corinthians 15:3-8

6. James the half-brother of Jesus came to faith.

7. Paul the persecutor of the church came to faith.

The amazing impact the risen Jesus makes on lives

1. Knowing Jesus - It doesn't get any better than this!
Philippians 3:7-8

2. Believing in Jesus - It makes you good enough.
Philippians 3:9

3. Relying on Jesus - It gives you all you need.
Philippians 3:10

4. Being in Jesus - It means your future is settled.
Philippians 3:11

Sermon Based Bible Study

Week of April 11, 2021

What was your take-away from Sunday?

(A particular point, challenge, encouragement or question)

Getting Connected

(A possible opening question to start your group)

Why is it important to not only be friendly at church but also help people have friends at church as well?

What makes this a challenge?

Going Further - Growing in Christ

1. Start working on this month's verse-

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.'" *John 11:25* (NASB)

Pray for Orange County Rescue Mission as they meet physical needs and share Christ in our community.

Extra Credit if you share something from your Personal Time with God.

2. On Easter Sunday, we looked at three who looked in at the tomb. (*John 20:1-10*) Which of the three do you identify with most and why? (Mary, Peter, or John)