



Part 2: A Resurrection? For Real?

get going.

Do you really believe that a man came back from the dead? All of Christianity rises and falls on this question. Is Jesus' resurrection a myth, or is their historical evidence to back it up? The answer to this question determines if Jesus is really worth following.

discuss.

1. What's your favorite childhood memory of Easter? What are some of your family's Easter traditions?
2. Did you hear anything in Mark's message about the resurrection intrigued you? Discuss it with the group.
3. Mark said, "We don't believe the resurrection because the Bible says it true. We believe the resurrection because the writers of the New Testament wrote about their eye witness testimonies and investigation about the historical event." What's the difference? What makes this such a more powerful defense?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

4. Which, if any of the four theories that Mark mentioned have you wondered about or wrestled with (near-death experience, wrong tomb, stolen body, or the vision theory)?
5. What other questions or doubts have you personally had about your faith in Christ?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-18

6. What's the big deal about the resurrection? Discuss the connection between Jesus' resurrection and our faith.
7. Do you agree with Paul's assertion that without the resurrection our faith is pointless and pitiful? Why or why not?

wrap it up.

If the resurrection is a myth we should walk away from all things Christian because we are wasting our time. However, If the resurrection is rooted in history, Jesus is worth following because he is the only man in history to predict his own death and come back to life!

8. What's your next step? If you are still not sure about the resurrection, take some time to explore Jesus claims. If you are on the fence, make the decision to place your faith in Christ today. If you already believe in the resurrection, how is it affecting the way you live and the relationships you have?