



IS IT REASONABLE TO BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION?

Easter Sunday / April 21, 2019

Memorize.

He was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 1:4, NLT

Open.

How did your family observe Easter, if at all, when you were in elementary school? Share a favorite memory from that time period.

Study.

If you had the opportunity to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? What questions did it raise for you, if any?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.

Why is the historical, bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead the central issue of Christian faith?

What theme does Paul repeat in verses 13 and 16? Why do you think he repeats himself?

If Jesus did not rise from the dead, what two implications does Paul highlight for the ministry of the apostles in verses 14-15?

What does Paul say is true about our faith if Christ did not rise from the dead (verses 14 and 17)?

If Christ did not rise from the dead, what is true of those who trusted in Christ in this life but are now dead (verse 18)?

What's wrong with having trusted in Christ in this life if Jesus was in fact not raised from the dead (verse 19)? Why isn't Christianity beneficial in that case?

In verse 20, Paul asserts, *"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."* How did Paul know? Read Acts 9:1-19.

Romans 10:9 makes a deep-seated belief in the resurrection of Jesus a condition of salvation. Are you personally persuaded of the resurrection of Jesus? Why or why not? Share the story of how you came to your personal conviction.

How do you personally want to respond to what we have discussed in this session?

Remember to pray for, and share Christ with, your

