

Easter - Why Believe in the Resurrection

- Greet people as they arrive
- Welcome new members publicly
- Praise reports
- Praise and Worship or have someone open up in prayer
- Discussion

Video & notes recap can be found here:

<https://newbeginning-church.com/mediacast/easter-sermon-why-believe-in-the-resurrection/>

Ask: Why is Christ's resurrection significant? Why does it matter?

Ask someone to read: [1 Corinthians 15:12-20](#) ESV

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Ask the same question again: What would be different if there was no resurrection?

Ask: What are some of the popular arguments against the resurrection?

See answers with explanations here:

<https://harvest.org/know-god-article/countering-common-arguments-against-the-resurrection/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zh2dpg8/revision/13>

Ask: How can we be certain that Jesus was raised from the dead if we weren't there?

Possible Answers:

1- Secular historical sources document this fact

2- The tomb was well secured. *Read Matthew 27:62-66*

3- It was predicted by Old Testament prophets.

4- Women were the first to see Jesus resurrected. *Read Mark 16:9*

5- The post-resurrection appearances prove its authenticity.

You can also Read: [1 Corinthians 15:6](#), [Luke 24:36-40](#), and [John 20:24-29](#)

6 – Various details prove it.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John provided different accounts of Jesus' resurrection. As a result, skeptics claim that the Bible contains contradictions. But, this is not a source of doubt, but rather, yet another indication that Jesus truly rose from the dead. This further strengthens his belief. The four evangelists described the same event from their own perspective. If they all told the exact same story, then it would be obvious that it was fabricated.

7 – You are the evidence.

You are living proof that Jesus is more than just a historical figure. You are the evidence that Christ is still active in the lives of people today. Christ continues to save, heal, forgive, call, speak to, help, and raise up. The congregation of which we are part is a testament to this, as well as the millions of followers of Jesus throughout the world who are willing to die for Him, even in countries where it is illegal to gather in His name. Therein lies the proof!

Ideas of leader concluding in prayer:

- The same spirit that rose Christ lives in us - help us not live a powerless Christianity
- A Resurrection everything that needs life in our lives
- That we would be excited, awaiting and prepared for our resurrection

- Prayer requests & Prayer
- Fellowship/ if on Zoom, leave the Zoom open a bit for people to connect
- Close