
[SERMON NOTES]

Acts – Week 25 (*Acts 25:16-22; 1 Corinthians 15:12-17, 20; Revelation 3:20; 2 Peter 2:21*)

“ _____ of _____ ”

a. _____ – _____ = resurrection is _____
their history

b. _____ = resurrection is _____ of history

c. _____ = resurrection is in the “ _____ ”
of history

Christianity _____ on the _____
of the resurrection of Jesus.

QUESTION 1: Who is _____ ?

There is no _____ when it comes to the
_____.

QUESTION 1: Who is Jesus _____ ?

Salvation is more than just _____ Jesus is alive, it's
_____ the life He has _____.

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

We all want to believe in resurrection. This is why we love a good underdog story. We love it when our favorite team comes back from an insurmountable lead, or when an athlete returns from a supposedly career-ending injury. When a terminal diagnosis is stunningly reversed. We love it when something that is not supposed to happen, happens. A seeming miracle! **Share your favorite moment of experiencing something that wasn't supposed to happen or seem to be possible that ended up happening—a resurrection of sorts!**

[DIGGING DEEPER]

This week we continued our journey with Paul as he sits in prison while King Agrippa visits and Festus fills the king in on the primary point of conflict: *the resurrection of Jesus*. The importance of the resurrection cannot be understated. It's essential to the Gospel story and therefore to our own faiths. We were asked two questions throughout the message, ***Who is Jesus?*** and ***Who is Jesus to you?*** We invite you to discuss these among your group as well as this additional question, ***Why do you believe in the resurrection?***

The Christian faith rides on the reality of the resurrection. It's pretty crazy when you think about it. I don't know about you, but I've never personally seen someone who is dead come back to life! That's part of what it means to have faith in the Good News and in Jesus. Read the following passages. **What is surprising to you about these passages? What should our attitude and posture be to those who doubt?**

John 20:24-31

Matthew 28:16-20

Jude 1:20-23

If we're being honest, we've all probably had the occasional or perhaps even consistent question or doubt or wondering about the truth of the resurrection of Jesus. **If this is you currently, or has been you in the past, I encourage you to share that with your group. If someone shares that this is a current doubt, this is not a time to convince them of all the reasons they shouldn't doubt. It is to be present with them in the midst of it.**

As we heard at the end of this week's message, salvation is more than just believing Jesus is alive, it's living the life He has commanded. It's imitating and modeling our lives off of His Word and His Way. The way to experiencing a life of resurrection can only come from taking up our cross and following Jesus. Paul says in Galatians 5:24 that, "*Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*" **What are the things in your life that Christ may be leading you to crucify so that you experience His resurrection life?**

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

Acts 25

1 Corinthians 15

John 11

Philippians 3