

THE CHAPEL
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TRUTH

WEEK 5: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

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WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY IT MATTERS

KEY SCRIPTURES

Luke 24:36-43: While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19: And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Acts 1:9-11: After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Acts 4:13: When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

1 John 2:1-2: My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Romans 6:4: We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Ephesians 1:18: I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know... his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:20: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

KREAD & REFLECT on the above Scriptures using the questions below:

- What do you notice about God in these passages?
- What does this teach us about “truth?”
- Is there a word, phrase, or verse that stood out to you? Why?
- How do these verses challenge or encourage you right now?

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. Why is the resurrection essential to the Christian faith?
 - a. What would change if Jesus hadn't really risen from the dead?
 - b. Pastor Dave said, “Our founder is still alive.” What difference does it make in your life to know that Jesus is alive today?
2. Pastor Dave shared three evidences of the resurrection: the failure to produce a body; the gender of the first witnesses; and the transformation of the disciples. Which one makes the biggest impact on you, and why?
3. The resurrection gives us security because Jesus is our advocate before God. How does that truth help you deal with guilt, shame, or fear of judgment?
4. What does Jesus' resurrection teach us about our future hope? How does it shape your view of life after death or your confidence in eternity?
5. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to us. What “immovable slabs” (struggles, fears, habits) might you need to trust God's resurrection power to break through in your life?

RESET

The resurrection gives us hope that broken things can be made new. What's one step you can take this week to live out that hope or share it with someone else?

CLOSING PRAYER

- **Thank God** that Jesus is alive and we have living hope.
- **Invite group to pray** for faith to trust in resurrection power this week, especially in specific difficult situations.
- **Ask God to help** us live as people shaped by resurrection hope.