

"Proof of the Resurrection"

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 15:1-23,
ACTS 2:14-41; 4:33, Romans 6:1-10,
John 20:19-29, Luke 24:13-35

DAY 1

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-23

- **What are your beliefs about the resurrection?**

Paul's words in this letter are from an early creed. Notice what he says and the order in which he says it.

- **What observations can you make on this?**
- **Why were creeds so important to the early believers?**
- **Why are they important to us today?**
- **Paul wasn't one of the original 12 apostles. What makes his testimony credible?**

DAY 2

Read ACTS 2:14-41; 4:33

We know from the Gospel accounts that Peter denied knowing Jesus at his greatest hour of need.

- **In this passage, what has changed?**

- **What gave Peter the power to stand before the crowd and share the truth of the resurrection of Jesus?**
- **In what ways are you using your faith to do the same as Peter?**

The apostles were under "great power" to do their work in sharing the Gospel.

- **What role did the resurrection play in their receiving this power?**

DAY 3

Read Romans 6:1-10

- **What does Paul mean when he says we have been baptized into Jesus Christ and thus baptized into his death?**
- **What would have happened had Jesus not been raised from the dead?**
- **Much of the Biblical terminology references the connection of God with the believer. How are Christians united with Jesus through resurrection?**
- **In reading Paul's words in this passage, how is your understanding of resurrection different than before? Why?**

DAY 4

Read John 20:19-29

Our culture today is built upon the idea that "seeing is believing." Describe what is going on with Thomas as the disciples shared with him that they had seen the resurrected Jesus.

- **Why do you think it was hard for Thomas to believe Jesus had been raised from the dead?**
- **In what ways do you question the resurrection? How are you like Thomas?**
- **What does Jesus do to reassure Thomas? What has the Lord done to reassure you?**

DAY 5

Read Luke 24:13-35

- **Why could the disciples not recognize Jesus on the road with them?**

Many of the resurrection accounts say that Jesus' form had somehow changed and that is why people could not recognize him.

- **What do you think we look like at the time of resurrection?**

Our eyes aren't the only window into our faith. As believers we also engage in activities which allow us to express our faith by what we do. When Jesus broke the bread the disciples recognized him because they had seen him do this so many times.

- **What actions do you take that remind others you are a person of faith?**

At the beginning of the week you were asked to describe your beliefs on resurrection. Now that you have read through these scriptures and thought through these questions, reflect on it again: **What are your beliefs on resurrection?**