

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

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John: Jesus is the Christ

Lesson #23: Resurrection!

INTRODUCTION

What is something that we treat as fact even when there is very little evidence for it?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

The Empty Tomb... Read John 20:1-10

1. Who are the first people to show-up on the scene of the burial place of Jesus? How and why do they come?
2. What do they find? What physical evidence does one see in these verses that point towards the resurrection?
3. What is it that blinds the disciples to the fact that Jesus may be risen from the dead?
4. How do Mary, Peter and the "other disciple" react to what they saw? What conclusions are drawn?

Jesus Appears... Read John 20:11-29

- ...to Mary Magdalene v.11-18
- ...to His Disciples v. 19-21
- ...to Thomas v. 24-29

Look at each of the above three characters and ask the following questions:

5. What is the initial response? What transpires? What causes change in their heart/thought? What are the results?
6. Reading verses 30-31, how does John summarize his purpose for writing?
7. What do we learn from Jesus about calling people to believe?
8. What difference does the evidence of Jesus' resurrection make in your life?

APPLICATION

- Who is someone you know that needs to know about the reality of Jesus's resurrection? What can you do to help them hear/understand about this reality?

Our Lord's resurrection is the most important evidence for the reality of our faith: "For what I received I passed on to you as of *first importance*: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to . . . Peter . . . the Twelve . . . more than five hundred . . ."

I Corinthians 15:3