

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

John 20:1-31

**Main Thought:** In John 20:1-31, we read about the resurrection of Jesus Christ and discover the evidence for it and how we should respond to it.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE RESURRECTION
  - 1) The stone was rolled away, and the tomb was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) The grave \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) Jesus' post resurrection \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (1) Mary \_\_\_\_\_
    - (2) To the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas
    - (3) To the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas
  - 4) The \_\_\_\_\_ lives of the witnesses.
  - 5) Jesus' unique person and \_\_\_\_\_ claims.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE RESURRECTION
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ which leads to life. (vv 30-31)
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ the good news with others. (vv 21-23)
  - 3) Jesus doesn't cast us off when our faith is weak, but graciously leads us to \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding.
  - 4) Jesus' bodily resurrection is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our future bodily resurrection; so in your bodily weakness, hope in Him.

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read John 19:17-42 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. What evidence for Jesus' resurrection is found in John 20:1-31?

8. What is significant about the fact that the disciples still did not understand that the Scriptures predicted the resurrection even after they observed evidence that began to convince them that a resurrection had occurred?

9. What do these passages suggest about the resurrected Jesus, especially about His body?

20:14

20:19, 26

20:20, 27

10. Why do you think Mary recognized Jesus when He said her name (20:16)? (See 10:3-4)

11. What is significant about the way Jesus refers to God in 20:17?

13. What do you learn from Jesus' interaction with Thomas?

14. What should our response be to the resurrection of Jesus Christ? (See 20:17, 31)