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Sermon: **Why Wouldn't You Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?**
(1 Corinthians 15:4-11)

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Jesus Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures and three days later he rose from the dead, victorious over death and sin! The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the climax of human history. The Christian faith hinges upon the truth of the resurrection. Paul writes in Romans 10:9, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." In this week's study, we will look at the significance of the resurrection. Christ was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, validating the promises of God. The resurrection turned Peter into a bold preacher of God's Word. It turned Paul, a murderer of God's people, into a church planter. Jesus is risen and that truth continues to transform lives all around the world today just as it did in the first century.

What you need for this study: Bible, Notebook, Pen

Individual Bible Study

1. Please read 1 Corinthians 15:4-11 and ensure that you've listened to Sunday's sermon.
 - a. Verse 4 tells us that Jesus was buried. Why is this truth significant?
 - b. What does it mean that Jesus was raised up on the third day *in accordance with the Scriptures*? What are some Old Testament scriptures that allude to Christ's resurrection?
 - c. What was the apostle Peter like before the resurrection took place? Can you think of some Scriptural references that shed light on this?
 - d. What happened to Peter after the resurrection? How did he change? Can you think of some Scriptural references that speak to this?
 - e. List out all of the different witnesses to the resurrection recorded in verses 5-8. How does this further confirm the historical verifiability of the resurrection?

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- f. What does Paul mean by the phrase “untimely born” in verse 8?
- g. Why does Paul say that he is “the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle,” (v. 9)? What are some examples of the way in which he persecuted the church?
- h. What happened to Paul on the road to Damascus (see Acts 9)? How did God show his grace to Paul?
- i. Read verse 11. What led the Corinthians to believe in the resurrection? What does this teach us about the importance of preaching?

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?
2. Why is the resurrection central to the Christian faith? When we explain the gospel to someone, why must we include the truth of the resurrection (*see Romans 10:9*)? Why is it not enough to simply say that Christ died for our sins?
3. If someone asked you to prove that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, how would you use Scripture to give a defense for the resurrection? What verses would you turn to? What biblical proofs would you give?
4. The resurrection changed Peter and Paul’s lives. How should a belief in the resurrection of Christ affect our daily lives? How does the knowledge that Christ is risen give us hope and peace in the midst of stress, doubt, guilt, and fear?
5. Peter and Paul were both bold in their evangelism because they knew that Christ rose from the dead. How should our belief in the resurrection influence our gospel witness toward others?