



Did It Really Happen? Why We Actually Believe in the Resurrection

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1. Could _____?

2. Are _____?

3. Was _____?

4. Do _____?

5. What _____?

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Corinthians 15:14-19**. In your own words describe why Christ's resurrection is so central to the entire Christian message.
2. Read **Hebrews 2:14-17**. How should a confidence in the veracity of the Christ's resurrection affect the way you live life and face your own mortality?
3. Read **Romans 1:1-5**. How does the resurrection of Christ and the reliability of Scripture relate to the way Paul views obedience to Christ's teaching?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 15:42-49**. How does a passage like this encourage you concerning the future of those who trust in Christ?
5. If you are unable to sincerely and confidently celebrate the resurrection and its implications because you have reasonable doubts, what further investigation are you willing to do to settle this question? Which of the resources below will you commit to read or listen to first?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

April 24th

2Sam.10-12 & Lk.19:29-48

April 25th

2Sam.13-14 & Lk.20:1-26

April 26th

2Sam.15-16 & Lk.20:27-47

April 27th

2Sam.17-18 & Lk.21:1-19

April 28th

2Sam.19-20 & Lk.21:20-38

April 29th

2Sam.21-22 & Lk.22:1-30

April 30th

2Sam.23-24 & Lk.22:31-53

May 1st

1Kgs.1-2 & Lk.22:54-71

Today's sermon is recorded and will be available as a free MP3 download at www.FocalPointMinistries.org. Here are some related sermons from Pastor Mike which are also available.

CD # 0428 – **Conquering Death, It's the Whole Point**

CD # 0933 – **How the Resurrection Should Transform my Behavior**

CD # 0818 – **Gospel Crazy: Confident In Its Veracity**

CD # 0425 – **When God Breaks the Rules He Made**

CD # 0530 – **Grappling with Doubts by Revisiting God's Imprimatur on the Truth**

Here are the five books corresponding to the questions asked in this morning's message.

Q.1 → Geivett, Doug, et al. **In Defense of Miracles: A Comprehensive Case for God's Action in History**. IVP, 1997.

Q.2 → Hill, C. E.. **Who Chose the Gospels: Probing the Great Gospel Conspiracy**. Oxford, 2010.

Q.3 → Habermas, Gary and Michael Licona. **The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus**. Kregel, 2004.

Q.4 → Craig, William Lane. **Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth & Apologetics**. Crossway, 1984.

Q.5 → Fabarez, Mike. **Getting It Right: The Real Problem and God's Perfect Solution**. FPM, 2011.

Here are a few other helpful works which may assist you in a deeper study of today's sermon.

Blomberg, Craig L. **The Historical Reliability of the Gospels**. InterVarsity, 1986.

Boice, James Montgomery. **The Christ of the Empty Tomb**. P & R Publishing, 2010.

Bruce, F.F. **The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?** Eerdmans Publishing, 1984.

Craig, William Lane. **Assessing NT Evidence for the Historicity of the Resurrection of Jesus**. Mellen, 1989.

Geisler, Norman. **Miracles and the Modern Mind**. Baker Books, 1992.

Habermas, Gary R. **The Risen Jesus and Future Hope**. Rowman & Littlefield, 2003.

Lewis, C. S. **Miracles: A Preliminary Study**. Macmillan Publishing, 1947.

Lewis, Gordon R. **Testing Christianity's Truth Claims: Approaches to Christian Apologetics**. Moody Press, 1976.

MacArthur, John. **Nothing But the Truth: Upholding the Gospel in a Doubting Age**. Crossway Books, 1999.

McDowell, Josh. **The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict**. Thomas Nelson, 1999.

McGrath, Alister. **Intellectuals Don't Need God & Other Modern Myths**. Zondervan, 1993.

Ramm, Bernard. **Protestant Christian Evidences**. Eerdmans, 1954.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The God Who is There: Speaking Historic Christianity into the 20th Century**. InterVarsity, 1968.

Sproul, R.C. & et al. **Classical Apologetics: A Rational Defense of the Christian Faith**. Zondervan, 1984.