

Jesus III The Resurrection

Purpose

To understand one of the most important Christian beliefs those are the death and the resurrection of Jesus.

Introduction

- Review the previous studies and the book of John
- Prayer together

Outline

1) The prediction: Suffering, Death, and Resurrection

Matt 16:21 , 20:17-19

2) The prediction came true (suffering, and death)

Matt 27:26-35 He was tortured and crucified.

John 19:31-37 He was already dead on the cross and the soldier pierced him with a spear.

3) Jesus rose from the dead

John 20:1-18 Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene

John 20: 19-23 Jesus appeared to his disciples

John 20: 24-29 Jesus appeared to Thomas

Additional scriptures : If needed for some cases.

Luke 24: 13-35 Two men traveled to Emmaus

Acts 1:1-3 Jesus appeared to them over the period of 40 days.

1 Corin 15: 1-8 Jesus appeared to more than 500 brothers at the same time.

Some thoughts and denial theories of the resurrection

- Jesus did not truly die, he just fainted.
- The hallucination of disciples.
- They went to the wrong tomb.
- Disciples stole the body.

4) The disciples changed dramatically

John 20:19 They were afraid and hiding and discouraged.

Act 4:1-4, 13-20 They were not hiding anymore; they were full of zeal and courage to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus. Many of them were killed because of their faith. Why were they willing to pay even their lives? Because they saw Jesus who rose from the dead!

The Conclusion of Jesus

Who do you think Jesus is?

There are four possibilities of who he is:

- 1) Jesus is a lunatic
- 2) Jesus is a legend
- 3) Jesus is a liar
- 4) Jesus is Lord

Practical challenges

- Telling other people about how awesome Jesus really is.
- Take a Thomas' challenge: Stop doubting and believe.
- Reviewing all notes and having personal conviction about Jesus.

Memory scripture:

**Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me,
you have believed; blessed are those
who have not seen and yet have believed."**

John 20:29