



DIGGING DEEPER



Resurrection Proclamation

Read the passages below from your Bible and respond to the questions that follow. As you read these passages, try to put yourself in the shoes of the very first readers of these Bible passages; read as if you're hearing this info for the first time.

ACTS 2:29-41

This passage records the first sermon preached after Jesus' resurrection. Write down the details Peter gave about Jesus' death and resurrection.

What did Jesus' resurrection declare him to be, once and for all? (See Acts 2:36.)

What impact did the message of the Resurrection have on Peter's listeners?

ACTS 17:18-34

The Areopagus was a public square in ancient Athens where philosophers discussed the ideas of the day (not unlike your average school cafeteria at lunchtime). Paul was invited there to share about the Resurrection. Follow Paul's strategy as he lays out the basic beliefs of Christianity using language his listeners would have understood, including their own reasoning, philosophy, and poetry. Jot down a thought or two about the results of his speech.

ROMANS 6:1-14

As you read this incredible passage from Romans, try to find the answer to the question below. (You should come up with a pretty big list!)

What did the Resurrection do for us?

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-44

As you read this passage, list the consequences we would be experiencing had Jesus *not* been raised from the dead. (Unless your leader told you otherwise, continue on to Taking It Inward after you make your list.)

TAKING IT INWARD



Resurrection Transformation

In New Testament lingo, belief equals action. What good is it to believe in something if it has no impact on your behavior? You can believe in exercise, but if you never get off the couch, what good is it? The bottom line is: *If your belief doesn't turn into action, you must not really believe!*

Apply this principle to your belief in Jesus' resurrection. Use the questions below to prayerfully confront the reality of the Resurrection in your life. Journal your thoughts beneath each question.

How am I taking advantage of the hope I've been given through Jesus' resurrection?

How am I experiencing the blessings and promises of resurrection power, which God has exerted on and in me?

What difference is Jesus' resurrection making in my life? Am I living the whole new life that the Resurrection gives?

WRAPPING IT UP

Resurrection Action

If the reality of Jesus' resurrection became as real to you as the clothes you're wearing now, how would the following areas of your life change?

- personal Bible study

- prayer life

- thought life

- talking about Jesus with others