



PART 3: INVESTIGATING THE RESURRECTION

INTRODUCTION

Everyone has doubts about God. We are not expected to believe based solely on a collection of ancient manuscripts. The foundation of our faith is anchored to something far more substantial and sustainable.

KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-5

Galatians 1:18-19

Acts 4:10-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's something you remember happening that you would have never believed had you not seen it with your own eyes?
2. If you weren't a firsthand witness to something incredible (for instance, the moon landing), what would it take to convince you it happened?
3. Jesus' followers disengaged after they saw him die, but then re-engaged after they saw him resurrected. Talk about the emotions they would have experienced as they saw Jesus die, then saw him alive with their own eyes.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-5. Paul wrote this letter in 55 AD. He had visited Corinth in 52 AD and had first visited the area in 44 AD. He had met with Peter and James, the half-brother of Jesus in Jerusalem in 40 AD. Three years before meeting them he became a Christian in 37 AD. The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus took place in either 30 or 33 AD. How does this timeline, which is not disputed by any scholar or historian, provide overwhelming evidence for the resurrection of Jesus?
5. Read Acts 4:10-20. What was it that gave Peter and John the boldness and courage to share the Gospel even with the imminent risk of being scourged and crucified themselves?
6. Acts 4:13 says the council of religious leaders recognized that Peter and John had been with the resurrected Jesus. What evidence can people see in your life that you have been with the resurrected Jesus?

Application Prayer: Lord Jesus, I see your resurrection as an undeniable historical fact. Help my faith to be bolder because of it. I receive your forgiveness and declare you as my Lord today.