

THE LIFE OF
JESUS

Message 38
Resurrection

Fenton Moorhead
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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Readings 207-209
(Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1-2)

Why I Believe In the Resurrection of Jesus Christ:

1. _____ **eyewitness accounts.**
(Matthew 28:1-8. C/R: 1 Corinthians 15:1-9; 1 John 1:1-4)

- Jesus was crucified and buried.
- Jesus' tomb was discovered empty.
- Jesus' disciples had real experiences with the risen Christ.
- Jesus' life, death and resurrection created the Christian faith.

2. _____ **do not withstand threats, persecution, beatings and death.**
(Acts 4:10,19-20; 2 Corinthians 11:24-27)

3. _____ **of the Risen Christ in His followers.**
(Galatians 2:20; 5:22-23)

4. _____ **of the gospel of God's love for lost people.**

- All have sinned. (Romans 3:23)
- Sin's penalty and God's gift. (Romans 6:23)
- God's love in Jesus. (Romans 5:8)
- Saving faith. (Romans 10:9-10)
- Transformed life. (Romans 12:1-2)

The Early Church Creed

Christ died for our sins and was buried;
He rose from the dead and was seen.

For more resurrection teachings please visit:

northpoint.org/messages/easter-2017

desiringgod.org/articles/historical-evidence-for-the-resurrection

Answers: 1. Reliable 2. Liars 3. Presence 4. Power

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to help you draw closer to God. Try not to rush through these questions, but take time to learn and grow. Ask God to speak to you in His Word. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

If you could be in the movie of your choice, what movie would you choose, and what character would you play?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read *The Life of Jesus*, Reading #207 ([Matthew 28:2-4](#)).

1. Put yourself in the scene. What do you think this would have been like if you were there when the angel came down?

Read *The Life of Jesus*, Reading #208-209 (this is a harmony of [Matthew 28:1, 5-8](#); [Mark 16:1-8](#); [Luke 24:1-8](#); [John 20:1-2](#)).

2. Have you ever had to deal with the death of a close friend or relative? How did that affect you? (*If you're in a group, ask if just one person would share.*)
3. Keeping this person's experience in mind, imagine what Jesus' death must have been like for the women in the story. What do we know about the relationship between Jesus and these women? (*For more background, see [Luke 8:1-3](#).*) How did Jesus' death seem to affect them?
4. What do you imagine they were thinking and talking about on the way to the tomb?
5. What may have gone through their minds when they found the body missing?
6. What caused the women to forget Jesus' words?

7. Even though Jesus was seen by so many people after His resurrection, why didn't more people believe in Him? (*To read reliable eyewitness accounts, see [Luke 24:39](#); [John 20:14-16](#); [Acts 1:3](#); [1 Corinthians 15:3-7](#).*)
8. Read [1 Corinthians 15:12-19](#). Why does it matter whether or not Jesus rose from the dead? What impact has Jesus' resurrection had in your life?
9. What part of this week's teaching is most significant to you? How will you respond?

Soul Training

God transforms us when we engage in real relationships with others. Talk to at least one person this week about what God has been teaching you. Take time to pray for each other.

Memory Verse

... I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

[Galatians 2:19b-20 \(HCSB\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or Bible Reference
Oct. 23	207	Matthew 28:2-4
Oct. 24	208	Matthew 28:1 ; Mark 16:1-4 ; Luke 24:1-2
Oct. 25	209	Matthew 28:5-8 ; Mark 16:5-8 ; Luke 24:3-8 ; John 20:1-2
Oct. 26	210-a	Luke 24:9-12
Oct. 27	210-b	John 20:3-10

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 29, we'll see how Jesus meets us in our questions and doubts. The message will come from [Luke 24:13-32](#) (Reading #214 in *The Life of Jesus*). With only a couple weeks left in this series, we'll also be asking everyone to respond to this question: *How has The Life of Jesus series impacted you?* Spend some time reflecting on this and be ready to respond!