



SERMON DISCUSSION

EASTER

Quotable Moments:

- The Christian faith hinges entirely on the resurrection.

Key Things You Heard:

- 1 Corinthians 15:14, "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."
- There is no in-between with Jesus -- either He is our resurrected Savior or a Liar.
- There were at least ten different recorded appearances Jesus made to people and He was seen after His resurrection by over 500 people.
- The same Peter who denied Jesus is now declaring him in front of thousands of people in Acts 2:22.
- If Jesus could use Peter who abandoned Him and denied Him in His darkest moment -- God can use you!

Pray: God, thank you for the resurrection. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sin and for conquering death by rising back to life. Thank you for recording eye-witness accounts of this incredible event. I recognize that this is the only thing I can base my faith on. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Read the story of the resurrection again, and spend time thanking God for his gift of salvation to you personally.
- Memorize 1 Peter 1:3.
- Call or text a guest who came with you on Easter, and invite them to come sit with you this Sunday.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: What was your experience or the experience of your guest on Easter?

- How has God been speaking to you personally during the season leading up to Easter? Is there a next step you are taking in your relationship with Jesus that you want to share?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:14. Why do you think the Apostle Paul is so direct in this statement? What are some other things that the early Christians might have been basing their faith on? Do you see Christians today doing the same thing?
- What reasons have you heard for why people don't believe in the resurrection? What is a helpful response when you hear doubt about the resurrection?
- Read Acts 2:22, 32. How can you explain Peter denying Jesus 40 days earlier, to now publicly saying this to thousands of people?
- Read 1 Peter 1:3. What do these words mean personally to you? Share with the group some ways God has been merciful to you, and has given you a new birth. When did you experience that new birth personally?
- During your prayer time, consider playing one of the following worship songs: Cornerstone, Living Hope, King of Kings. Sing along, or pray silently - thanking God for the resurrection as the foundation of our faith.