

DOES EASTER MATTER IN FEBRUARY?

The Sunday That Changed Everything

Luke 24:1-12/ Matthew 27:62 – 28:15/ Mark 16:1-8/ John 20:1-31

Why It's So Important

- ✓ If the resurrection is merely a “**spiritual**” truth, it's a **lie** and Christians are **pitiful fools**.

1 Corinthians 15:14-19

- (1) Christianity is a **pipe dream**
- (2) The Bible is an **evil lie**
- (3) Heaven has **no vacancies**
- (4) Christians are **pitiful fools**

Why It's So Believable

Hebrews 11:6 and 1-40

- ✓ Faith is not believing the **unbelievable**, it's acting upon the **evidence**.

- ✓ The **historical** evidence

- (1) Lots of **eyewitnesses**
- (2) An **empty tomb**
- (3) Radically changed **lives**

- ✓ The **psychological** evidence

Why It Changes Everything

Ephesians 1:15-20

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there anything you need to remember or anything you would like your group to pray for?

Prayer Requests:

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Desert Rat Experience - February 10-12

Attention guys with desert toys! It's time again for the Desert Rat Experience. This is a man's weekend designed for guys who are into all kinds of off-roading and includes plenty of riding and eating. For more information or to sign up, visit northcoastchurch.com/rat.

The Great Escape - March 9-11

Ladies, grab your friends and head down to the Catamaran Resort in San Diego for the first Women's Weekend Event! Enjoy a relaxing weekend with breakout sessions, a banquet and special program. For more info and to register, visit northcoastchurch.com/women.



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Growth Group Homework

For the week of February 5, 2012

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Have you ever engaged in a conversation with someone regarding whether the resurrection really happened? If so, how did it go?

2. Studies show 75% of Americans believe the resurrection to be true. In light of this, why do you think so many choose not to follow Christ or live like this is true?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Understanding who Jesus is and what he has done for us is the essential message of the resurrection. The following passages all contain statements that Jesus made about himself. For each one, identify what he says about himself and any ways you can think of how his description of himself can impact our lives as believers.

Matthew 11:29

John 6:35

John 8:12

John 10:14-15

John 14:6

Which of the descriptions of Jesus catches your attention the most and why?

2. When someone decides to live in light of the reality of the resurrection, there is a cost involved, because anything worth much usually costs much. How do Jesus' words about the cost of following him in Luke 14:25-35 fit with your spiritual journey and/or experience in following him?

3. In reality, living out your faith is the best proof of a resurrected Jesus. At North Coast, we have often called it being the "hands and feet of Jesus." How do the following verses reinforce this idea and describe what this looks like?

Matthew 5:13-16

1 Peter 2:15-17

Philippians 2:1-5

Which of these verses powers you the most to live like Jesus?