

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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Easter: Who is Jesus?

1. Jesus is the only founder of a major religion, who claimed to be God. Many other religious leaders such as Buddha, claimed to know a lot about God and to point the way to God. **Discuss**
2. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ would have been long forgotten if Jesus had not been resurrected from the dead. His resurrection assures believers that one day, they too will rise from the dead. **What is the main evidence that Jesus did rise from the dead?**
3. Frank Morrison was a historian and a sceptic - he sought to investigate all the historical records to discredit the story. The result was that the evidence was so overwhelming that he became a Christian He published his findings in a book titled 'Who Moved the Stone' **What are the main objections that non believers have to the Christian faith?**
4. What is the difference between “eye witness evidence: and circumstantial evidence? Give examples of both that help to prove the resurrection
5. Contradictory evidence is not necessarily false. It can just mean that people viewed a situation differently. Can you give an example of some details given about the resurrection that differ a little between the between the gospels (Matthew Mark Luke & John).
6. Chuck Colson said *“I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Everyone was beaten, tortured, stoned & put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world, and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.”* Would you give your life for a lie? Some Christians today deny their faith because they want to be popular. What has changed?
7. Easter is a time of the year when spiritual discussions with non believers are more likely to take place. Share with the group an interesting discussion that you had recently.

8. Spend some time in prayer. Thank Jesus for dying to take the punishment for your sin, and pray for and encourage each other.