

# The Resurrection of Jesus

## This Changes Everything

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of March 23, 25-27, 2016

**Main Point: Jesus' resurrection secures our hope and gives us confidence that God is with us.**

**Luke 24:13-31**

### CONNECT

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How do you typically handle it when you are forced to wait for something or someone?

Describe a difficult season of life when you had to wait.

What kinds of things do you think your reaction to waiting reveals about your priorities?

### LEARN

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**Have a volunteer read Luke 24:13-24.**

How did the disciples describe Jesus?

What does the disciples statement they "had hoped" Jesus was the Messiah reveal about their beliefs?

What do you think it was about Jesus that gave the disciples this hope?

Clearly these men knew who Jesus was. Why wouldn't they expect that He would be raised?

Do you ever have difficulty believing that God can do impossible things? Why or why not?

**Have a volunteer read Luke 24:25-27.**

How did Jesus deal with the disciples' confusion?

What Old Testament passages might Jesus have used to teach about Himself?

*Read Genesis 3:15; Psalm 22:15-31; Isaiah 53; Zechariah 12:10; for a few examples.*

**Have a volunteer Read Luke 24:28-35.**

What significant realizations would the disciples have come to after their eyes were opened to who Jesus was?

What is significant about the two disciples' response to their experience with Jesus and their recognition of His resurrection?

If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, who was the first person you told about that decision?

**Have a volunteer read 2 Peter 3:8-13.**

Like the disciples, a day will come when the hope we have in Jesus' return will become reality.

Why has God delayed in sending Jesus back to earth?



What is it about your life that characterizes you as a person living with hope for Jesus' return?

In light of this passage, what should our lives be dedicated to?

## **SERVE**

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What are some practical things that you can do to remind yourself on a daily basis that you are waiting for Jesus' to return?

What are the sins that most often keep you from hoping and trusting in God? How can the passage from Luke 24 help you this week?

Is there someone on your heart right now who needs to know the hope Christ gives? How can you create the opportunity to share it with them this week?

What can you do this week to put yourself in a position to have your eyes opened to Christ in a fresh way?

## **PRAYER**

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Guide your group in a time of praise and reflection as you think back on the meaning of the incarnation, the resurrection, and the hope that Christ offers us. Pray that your group would reflect on who Jesus is and all that He has done for them and be motivated to share that truth with others.



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