

Jeremiah 31:31-33; John 20:1-18

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Notes

...if Christ has not been _____, then your faith is useless...

But in _____, Christ has been raised from the dead.

...handed down to us by those who from the first, were

_____...

Further reading:

- "The Reason for God" by Timothy Keller
- "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis
- "The Case for Christ" and "The Case for Easter" by Lee Strobel
- "Evidence that Demands a Verdict" by Josh and Sean McDowell

Memory Verse: "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." - Romans 10:9

Next Week's Verses: Acts 5:12-42

Digging Deeper



For More Information

Talk Topics

Why did Jesus die?

How can we live forever with Jesus?

Discuss what you would have done if you were present at the tomb when Jesus appeared to Mary. How would you have responded?

Talk about people who don't know Jesus. What will happen if they die without knowing Him? What can you do to help them know Jesus?

Daily Challenges

Choose one or more to do this week.

- Have you confessed with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead? Mark the occasion by throwing a "Back to life!" celebration party. Invite friends and family, and share the good news of Easter with them.
- Spend an extra 10 minutes a day this week in quiet reflection before the Lord, thanking Him for the sacrifice He made on our behalf so that we can know eternal life.
- Visit a botanical garden in your area. Note the variety of living plants and trees you find there. Compare to the growth you find in your own yard and neighborhood, and praise God for the gift of life you see all around you.

Further Study and Discussion throughout the week

Use the following passages and questions to explore additional Biblical insights about your heart.

Monday—*Ephesians 2:4-9*
What does it mean to be "alive" in Christ? How is that different from just breathing and having a heartbeat?

Tuesday—*Romans 6:8-10*
What does it mean to you that Jesus beat death?

Wednesday—*Luke 24:36-49*
How does the disciples' post-resurrection experience help you believe that Jesus really is alive today?

Thursday—*John 10:27-28*
What does it mean to you that no one can snatch you from Jesus?

Friday—*1 John 5:11-12*
Do you have the Son? How can you tell?

Saturday—*Romans 6:23*
Why do you deserve death? Why is eternal life such a gift?