



# The Resurrection?! Nov. 18'20

## **TWO WEEKS AGO on MIRACLES (Nov 4):**

Did you pray for God to do the impossible in your world around you?!

Did you **Memorize Acts 2:22**: *"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know."*

## **Nov 18: Did the RESURRECTION really happen?! (watch video)**

<https://www.pursuegod.org/5-reasons-to-believe-in-the-resurrection-youth/>

1. Jesus really died
2. The testimony of the female disciples
3. The testimony of the eyewitnesses
4. The changed lives of the disciples
5. The empty tomb\*

## **Discussion Guide:**

1. Watch the video together or invite someone to summarize the topic.
2. What is your initial reaction to this video? Do you disagree with any of it? What jumped out at you?
3. Have you ever had a hard time believing that the resurrection really happened? Explain. How does this video help with common questions about the resurrection?
4. Why is it so important that Jesus' really did die?
5. Why is it so important that Jesus actually rose from the dead?



## **Now, I want you to actually spend some time as investigators!!**

Sift through these verses and see if you can find the evidence in the Bible for the five reasons to believe in the resurrection stated above! Discuss each section briefly:

## **READ:**

- ⇒ Mt. 27:32-37–Jesus' crucifixion;
- ⇒ Mt. 27:45-50–Jesus' Death;

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- ⇒ **John 19:33-35**
- ⇒ Mt 27:57-61–The burial of Jesus
- ⇒ Mt 27:62-66–The guard at the tomb
- ⇒ Mt 28:1-7–Jesus has risen; the empty tomb
- ⇒ Mt 28:11-15–the guards report
- ⇒ John 20:1-8–the empty tomb
- ⇒ Luke 24:36-53–Jesus appears to his disciples



Bonus round:

- ⇒ Matthew 28:16-20–The great commission
- ⇒ Acts 1:3-5–Jesus taken up into heaven
- ⇒ Acts 2:1-11; 22-34; 32-33; 36-41–Pentecost

**2 Peter 1:16** - *we did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*

**1 Corinthians 15:3** *For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. **6** *After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, **8** and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.**

**CHALLENGE:** How should the historical reality of the resurrection change your day to day life? (**answer:** *Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection is the greatest display of love in history. Our response should be worship, devotion, and obedience to Jesus*) Now do it!

**MEMORY VERSE: 'The Great Commission' - Matthew 28:18-20**

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”