

Sermon Bible Study Series

Title: Easter Sunday: Bonhoeffer and the Resurrection

Primary Text: Luke 24:1-12

Expanded Reading:

Big Idea: *Jesus's resurrection changes the world and changes people. One of the people his resurrection changed was Dietrich Bonhoeffer.*

Review

What to you was the most significant teaching you recall from the message? What spoke to you?

In Focus

Re-read the Primary Text

- 1) *Check out one of the other resurrection stories in Matthew 28, Mark 16:1-8, and John 20. What stands out to you about these other accounts?*
- 2) *Because he believes, Bonhoeffer stands opposed to the spirit of his age. In a real way, he is "on the right side of history" because he stands with the resurrected Christ! Where do you think our convictions about Christ may be calling us to stand in opposition to the world today?*
- 3) *The resurrection gives us new perspectives on life and death—is there an area of striving that you can put aside because of it?*
- 4) *Sometimes our "You Only Live Once" list is selfish, tied to our fear of death. What is something you would add to that list because of the Resurrection? Would you give more? Serve more? Spend more time with people you love?*

Follow-up

Did the sermon raise any questions you wished you could ask?

Can you locate any potential answers to those questions in Scripture?

Mission

You're speaking with an unbelieving friend who says, "The resurrection isn't possible—ancient people may have believed the dead can come back to life, but we're scientific and know that it's just not possible." How would you answer?

Bonhoeffer is just one story of someone impacted by the resurrected Christ. What are some other stories of Christians you know who live the resurrection life? How can knowing, and telling, their stories serve your personal evangelism?

Next Week's Passage: Jeremiah 31

For Further Reading:

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich, *Life Together*

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich, *The Cost of Discipleship*