

1. Motivate

When have you been an eyewitness to an exciting event?

A video introduction is available for this lesson. View it at https://watch.liberty.edu/media/t/0_0cnz9vh0

2. Transition

None of us were able to be at this event ... the resurrection of Christ.

- Even though we weren't there it *is* an historical fact.
- There were *many* eyewitnesses.

3. Bible Study

3.1 Christ Died

Listen for why our faith is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:1-3 (NIV) Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

What verbs did Paul use in reference to the gospel that remind us of what we are to do with the message and what affect it has on others?

What is the primary element of the gospel Paul identified?

According to Paul, why is it important to "hold firmly to the word"?

What do you think it *means* for you to "hold firmly to the word"?

Why did Paul pass on what he had received?

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The Truth of the Resurrection

How did Christ's life fulfill the Scriptures?

What makes the *death* of Jesus so significant?

What emotions do you experience when you consider that Jesus died for your sins?

3.2 Christ was Resurrected

Listen for the heart of our Christian faith.

1 Corinthians 15:4 (NIV) that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,.

What is the importance of saying Jesus was buried?

The death of Jesus is one major element of the gospel, but what is the second?

Why would it be disastrous for a person to believe only some of what is in verses 3 & 4?

Why do you think Paul had to remind people of such basic truths? Why do people today need to be likewise reminded – especially at Easter?

How can we respond to someone who *rejects* the truth of Christ's resurrection?

3.3 Christ Seen Alive by Many

Listen for eyewitness experiences.

1 Corinthians 15:5-8 (NIV) and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers 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.

Make a list of the eyewitnesses, then discuss why Paul provided a list of some who saw Jesus after the resurrection and what may have influenced his choices?

What's the importance of eyewitness testimony?

Note the choice of these eyewitnesses ...

- many of those who *saw* and interacted with Jesus were not necessarily expecting to see Him
- this was not an occasion of mass hysteria, the appearances were to different people at different places in different time frames
- Peter (who had miserably failed) would not be expecting a personal encounter
- the Twelve – these were people who had known Him best – they would not be deceived
- James – apparently not follower of his half-brother during Jesus' ministry – later a stalwart witness *after* this personal, post resurrection encounter
- Paul – a post ascension appearance, but very real to Paul – it certainly changed his life

How does Christ appear or make Himself known to us today?

Application

Trust.

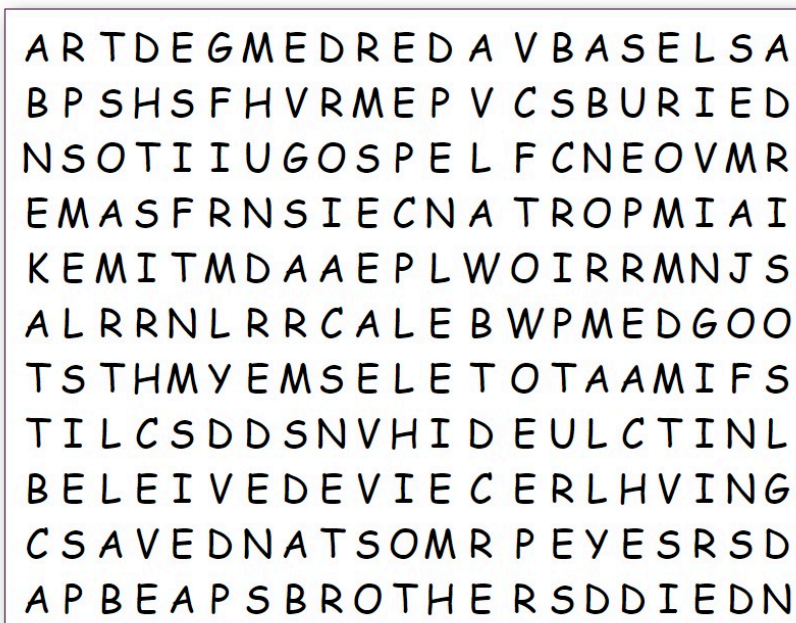
- Commit your life to the risen Christ.
- "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9)
- Read the inside cover of your Bible Study book for more information.

Read.

- For alternative theories about the resurrection and replies to those theories, read Jim Warner Wallace, *Cold-Case Christianity* (Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 2013), 41-50.

Share.

- Think of someone who needs to know the truth of the resurrection of Jesus. Write that individual's name down and pray for the person.
- Pray also for an opportunity to share about Christ's resurrection.
- Be ready and willing to engage in a conversation on the powerful truth of the resurrection, an event that changes everything for us!



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| ACCORDING | MORE |
| APOSTLES | MOST |
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| BELEIVED | PREACHED |
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| BROTHERS | RECEIVED |
| BURIED | REMINDE |
| CHRIST | SAME |
| DIED | SAVED |
| FALLEN | SCRIPTURES |
| FIRMLY | SINS |
| FIRST | SOME |
| FIVE | STAND |
| GOSPEL | TAKEN |
| HUNDRED | THIRD |
| IMPORTANCE | TIME |
| JAMES | TWELVE |



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