

Argyle LifeGroup Discussion Guide
Week 6
“The Story of Jesus: The Resurrection”

1. Discuss this statement:

The resurrection is the very heart of Christianity.

2. Since the resurrection is an essential part of the Story of Jesus, it immediately came under attack by the enemy.

Read these verses and then discuss:

Matthew 28:11-15 (NIV)

11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

12-13 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’

14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”

15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed.

And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

3. Read Mark 16:1-3 (NIV)

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body.

2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb

3 and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

What did the ladies expect to find at the tomb of Jesus?

4. Read Mark 16:3-7 (NIV)

3 and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

6 “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'

Why do you think the angel made a distinction between Peter and the other disciples?

5. Read Mark 8:31 (NIV)

"He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this."

Why do you think that none of the disciples remembered this teaching?

6. "No one expected the resurrection."
Explain.

7. Read Luke 24:41 (NIV)

41 "And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement,"

Have you ever been told something that you thought was just too good to be true?

8. Read Luke 24:45

"Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures."

Discuss.

9. Today, we can know that Jesus rose from the dead

>because the tomb is empty

>because of hundreds of eyewitnesses

>because of the amazing life-change in those who follow Him for thousands of years.

10. Pastor Rick said, "The empty tomb changes people."
Your thoughts?