

MESSAGE APPLICATION GUIDE

He Has Risen, Just as He Said

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1. If you had to try and convince a skeptic that Jesus actually rose from the dead, what evidence would you give them? Is doubting the literal resurrection of Jesus common in our society? Can you be a genuine Christian and think the resurrection of Jesus was only a metaphor instead of being literal? Why or why not?

2. Why is the literal resurrection of Jesus important to Christianity? What are its implications for Christians?

3. Why does God continue to permit wickedness and injustice in his world? How does the resurrection of Jesus provide an answer to the wickedness of our world?

4. What will heaven be like? Do most people in our society believe it's real? How does our society describe it? How does Scripture describe it?

5. In Romans 8:18-25, what is the Christian hope? How does our future hope influence what we do and what we value today?

6. If you focused on the promise of your own resurrection from the dead, how would you live differently than you do right now? How would you view your time? Money? Worries? Can you be too focused on your future resurrection from the dead? Why or why not?

Scripture Cited in the Sermon.... John 18:10. Psalm 2:2-4. 1 Corinthians 15:54-55. Romans 8:23-24. Revelation 21:1-5.