

NO BODY FOR EVERYBODY

50 DAYS WITH JESUS – PART 8

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- Share a personal Easter memory before the age of 16.

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Brainstorm: Set a timer for 60 seconds. List all the individuals who had a role to play in the resurrection of Jesus.
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- If you were cast in the play of the Easter narrative, what role would you want to play? How would you re-write your character to make them be more appealing? More heroic?
- The main questions Pastor Mark shared were aimed to challenging our doubts. How did those questions help resolve some of your doubts? See next page for those questions.
- What is one of your favorite details concerning the entire resurrection narrative? Pick anything that stands out to you.
- The disciples continue to amaze us at their lack of faith. If you were there, at what moment would you have stood up and declared that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God? Would you have been waiting for a resurrection?
- Describe, in detail, the room when the women came back from the tomb and told the disciples that that had seen Jesus. What would your response have been?
- What is there that was dead in your life has been resurrected by Jesus' power?
- Why hasn't any other religious founder claimed to be physically raised from the dead? How does that speak to you about the claims of Jesus?
- How confident are you to look a skeptic in the eye and tell them you have confidence that Jesus is risen from the dead?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Jesus. Show me again that all power in heaven and earth has been given to You. Help me to receive the power you want to give me to repair my past, restore my present, and renew my future. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Invite a Seeker, Starter, or Returner to church this week.

Mark 16:9-14 (NIV)

⁹ When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping.

¹¹ When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

¹² Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country.

¹³ These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

¹⁴ Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

Matthew 27:64 (NIV)

⁶⁴ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

John 11:25 (NIV)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

John 14:6 (NIV)

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1. Why did they write themselves in as doubters and cowards?
2. Why do Jesus' enemies have more confidence in Jesus' followers than they had in themselves ?
3. Why die for a dead man whose death disproved everything he asked you to believe when he was alive?