

## Renewed Unity The Resurrection

The resurrection of Jesus is the single most significant event in all of human history. It is the miraculous, historical event that validates the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. It is event to which all Christians can point as the proof of our faith. It is essential to the content of what one must believe in his heart to become a Christian. It is the event that also provides us with an enduring hope for we, too, shall be resurrected like Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus is the Father's emphatic "Amen!" to the Lord's declaration on the cross that "It is finished."

**Topic:** Christian put all their eggs into this one basket. The claim is simple: Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins, was raised from the dead for our justification. The resurrection is a tangible, historical, verifiable, miraculous event which serves as the ultimate proof of Jesus' nature and Christianity's truth.

- Why is the resurrection so important? (See 1 Corinthians 15:17, Romans 1:4; 4:25; 10:9-10)
- What are the best evidences for the resurrection of Jesus? (See 1 Corinthians 15:1-11)
- How does our future resurrection provide the believer a hope that the world can never provide? (See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

**Association:** Jesus is the life and the resurrection (see John 11:25-26). Jesus prophesied His death and resurrection (see Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:19). Our knowledge of the resurrection should continually deepen.

- Have you studied the historicity of the resurrection? To what extent?
- Do you have a copy of the *Christ is Risen: Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus* packet?
- Has the Holy Spirit confirmed the truthfulness of the resurrection to you?
- How good a handle do you have on the Bible's attestation of the resurrection?
- Have you ever tried to show that the resurrection actually happened?
- Have you ever tried to explain the theological significance of the resurrection to someone?
- Who will you invite to Easter this year?

**Guidance:** Take time to read the resurrection accounts in the gospels (see Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21) and the primary resurrection chapter in the epistles (see 1 Corinthians 15).

- Share your favorite parts of these exciting chapters.
- Share the best book or video series you've read/watched about the resurrection.
- Consider discovering a new study on the resurrection.
- Pray for the unbelievers.
- Pray about those you will invite to Easter at GCC this year.
- Pray for and with one another.