



SERMON: BECAUSE HE LIVES

PREACHER: DAKOTA ADAIR | DURATION: 60 MINUTES

**LEADER PREP
READ BEFORE GROUP**

THE BIG IDEA:

Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can trust who He is, receive full forgiveness, face suffering with hope, and live with eternal purpose.

THE GOAL:

Move people from simply believing in the resurrection as a concept → to personally surrendering to Jesus and living in light of His resurrection power.

POTENTIAL “WRONG TURNS”:

- This conversation touches on grief, death, and personal pain—be sensitive and allow space without forcing vulnerability.
- The topic of forgiveness and sin may bring up shame—continually point back to grace, not performance.
- Discussions around doubt and skepticism could become intellectual debates—redirect toward personal response, not just arguments.

**THE HOOK
10 MINUTES**

ICEBREAKER:

What’s something you were skeptical about at first—but later turned out to be absolutely worth it?

CONNECTION:

Skepticism is natural. In the message, we’re challenged with this idea: even if you’re unsure about the resurrection, there’s something in you that wants it to be true. Tonight we’re going to explore why that matters—and what it means for us personally.

THE BOOK | TEXT

15 MINUTES



READ: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-8, 19, 55

QUESTIONS:

- In verses 3-8, what are the specific claims Paul makes about Jesus, and who does he say witnessed these events?
 - What stands out to you about how many people are mentioned, and why might that matter?
- In verse 19, how does Paul describe Christianity if the resurrection is not true?
 - Why do you think he uses such strong language?
- In verse 55, how is death described, and what has changed about it?
 - What do you think it means for death to “lose its sting”?

THE LOOK | SERMON

15 MINUTES

A QUOTE TO DISCUSS:

“If Jesus was raised from the dead, you can trust Him with the questions you can’t answer yet.”

A SERMON POINT TO KEY IN ON:

“Because He Lives... Jesus Is Who He Says He Is.”

DIG DEEPER:

The message suggests that our biggest barrier to Jesus is often not intellectual, but surrender. Where do you see that tension show up in people’s lives—or even your own?

THE TOOK | APPLICATION

15 MINUTES

HEAD:

If you really believed the resurrection was true—not just intellectually, but personally—what would change about how you see Jesus right now?

HEART:

Where in your life do you feel resistance to surrender—something you’re still trying to control instead of trusting Jesus with?

HANDS:

What is one specific step you can take this week to live like the resurrection is true?

(Examples: starting a conversation with God, letting go of a habit, forgiving someone, stepping into obedience, asking for prayer.)

EASTER SUNDAY



REMINDERS

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NEW COMMUNITY GROUP MEMBERS TO OUR
SLACK CHANNELS!**

WHAT'S COMING UP

MAKE SURE YOUR COMMUNITY
GROUP KNOWS ABOUT THESE
UPCOMING EVENTS!



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NEW HERE NIGHT | APRIL 12

5-7PM | BOB & JODI MCDANIEL'S HOME



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