

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN  
The Apostles' Creed  
Week 6

**ICEBREAKER:** What has recently made you depressed?

**OVERVIEW:** The resurrection of Jesus Christ just might be the most important doctrine of the Christian faith. William Barclay wrote, "It is either the greatest single fact in history, or, if it is not true, it is the greatest deception in history." The resurrection is the claim upon which all other Christian claims are based. If true, then nothing else matters. If not true, nothing else matters. The entire Christian religion comes down to one question: Did Jesus rise from the dead? In this discussion we will go deeper with the significance of Christ's resurrection.

1. Recite the Apostles' Creed Together: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
2. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
3. What is your favorite Easter tradition or memory?
4. Why is the resurrection important to you?
5. Read Romans 4:25. What does it mean that Jesus was raised for our justification?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:17-19.
  - a) Why is the resurrection important?
  - b) Why should Christians be pitied more than anyone if Christ has not been raised?
7. For the following questions refer to Sunday's sermon. What is the evidence for the resurrection?
8. What is the most convincing evidence of the resurrection to you?
9. According to the sermon, what is the significance of the resurrection (see Romans 1:3-4)?

**The Last Word:** "There is more evidence that Jesus rose from the dead than there is that Julius Caesar ever existed or that Alexander the Great died at age 33." Billy Graham

