

Sermon Study Guide – April 9th, 2023

Today's Focus: "If Jesus Lives..."

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ Easter is all about Jesus' resurrection... are you sure Jesus rose from the grave? How can you be sure?
- ◆ Why is it important that Jesus rise from the grave? What changes if he did not rise from the grave?
- ◆ How does the question of whether Jesus rose affect your life here?... your eternity in heaven?

2) Today's Message: 1 Corinthians 15:1-7,12-20

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles... ¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead... ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. What point is the video trying to make?
2. What is the big question in our sermon text? How does the answer to that question affect all other questions we might ask?
3. How can you be sure that Jesus really rose from the dead?
4. What does it mean that Jesus is the “firstfruits”?
5. *If Jesus lives*, how does that affect your future?
6. *If Jesus lives*, how does that affect your present?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *review* Job 19:23-27, Mt. 28:1-10

Thursday: Isaiah 25

Tuesday: *review* Psalm 118

Friday: Philippians 3

Wednesday: John 13:31-14:14

Saturday: *read/review* 1 Cor. 15