

Why We Believe Jesus Rose from the Dead John 20

What difference does it make if Jesus rose from the dead?

Forgiveness — v.23.

Father — v.7.

Life — v.31.

Why did John believe? (20:1-10)

Because he saw that the tomb was empty and the linen-wrappings left behind.

Why did Mary believe? (20:11-18)

Because she heard Jesus' voice and saw him.

Why did the other disciples (except Thomas) believe? (20:19-23)

Because they saw Jesus' nail-scarred hands and spear-scarred side.

Why did Thomas believe? (20:24-29)

Because he touched Jesus' nail-scarred hands and spear-scarred side.

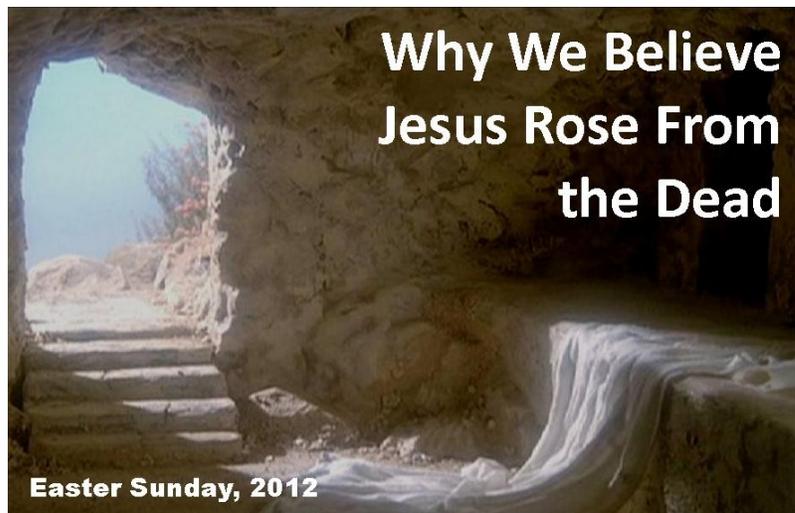
Why should we believe? (20:30-31)

Because John has told us what He and others saw.

What does this mean for us?

It means that because Jesus rose from the dead — we can be forgiven, know God as our Father, and experience life in Him.

So let this bring you to faith in Christ — and strengthen your faith in Christ.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this Scripture?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

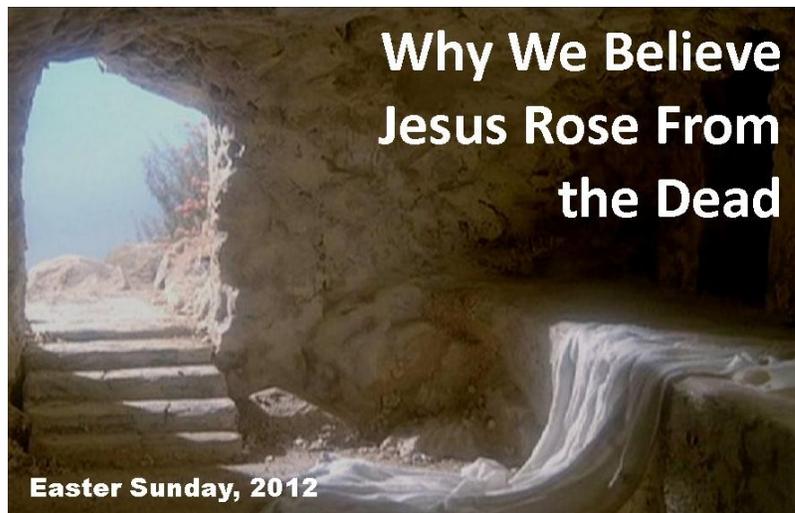
Before studying John 20 — did you think faith was supposed to not-need reasons? Or did you understand that faith is to be based on reasons? What do you think of John's emphasis on faith as having reasons?

What's the hardest thing for you about believing that Jesus rose from the dead? How did John 20 help?

Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can have forgiveness, we can know God as our Father, and we can have heart-satisfying life in Him. Which of these do you need the most right now?

What are you going to do differently because of this chapter?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.



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