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**The Bottom Line:**

**Christ’s resurrection was not just an historical event**

**But an everyday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to life.**

Because Christ rose, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ changes. Death is defeated, hope is alive, and we are offered new life.

**1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Power (John 20:1-9)**

The empty tomb is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that God’s resurrection power has broken through into a broken world.

The stone wasn’t rolled away so Jesus could get out. He’s the risen Lord, unbound by barriers. It was rolled away so we could look in and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the evidence.

**Evidence of resurrection:**

1. His first appearance was to Mary Magdalene **(Mark 16:9; John 20:10-18)**

2.Jesus appeared to the women returning from the tomb. **(Matthew 28:9-10)**

3. Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. **(Luke 24:13-32; Mark 16:12-13).**

4. He appeared to Peter in Jerusalem. **(Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5)**

5. He appeared to his disciples and other followers, and also a second time to the two men from Emmaus, in a locked room in Jerusalem. The apostle Thomas wasn’t there at that time. **(Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23)**

6. A week later, Jesus again appeared to his disciples behind locked doors, and this time Thomas was present. **(John 20:24-29)**

7. Jesus appeared to seven of his disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. **(John 21:1-24)**

8. Jesus was seen by 500 believers at one time. **(1 Corinthians 15:6)**

9. He appeared to James. **(1 Corinthians 15:7)**

10. He appeared to eleven disciples on a mountain in Galilee. **(Matt. 28:18-20)**

11. He walked with his disciples along the road to Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, and then ascended into Heaven. **(Luke 24:50-53)**

12. He was seen by Paul on the road to Damascus. **(Acts 9:3-6; 1 Corinthians 15:8)**

**2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus (John 20:10-16)**

The resurrection isn’t just an historical event, it’s personal. Jesus knows your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **(Isaiah 43:1)**

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us where we are. In sin, sorrow, grief, confusion or doubt, Jesus is there.

**3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Mission (John 20:17-18)**

The resurrection of Christ isn’t the end of a story, it’s the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Out of unexplainable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus came and died on the cross so that the power of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that rightfully damns us to Hell could be broken once and for all.

**Life Group Application Questions**

**1. In what way is the resurrection of Christ and “everyday invitation to life?”**

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**2. Which of the “proofs” presented in this message impacts you most? Why? (See Notes)**

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**3. In what way is the resurrection of Christ not the end of the story, but the beginning of our mission? (VS 17-18, Matthew 28:18-20)**

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**4. What are you going to do with what you learned in this chapter?**

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