

TALKING POINTS

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13. LEARNING THAT JESUS IS ALIVE

MARK 16:1-20

1. Why do we need a Saviour who, not only dies as a sacrifice for sin, but raises again? Think about the significance of 1 Cor.15:17.
2. What does the fact that Jesus is alive mean to you?
3. How would you reply to someone who said: 'I can't see why it's important that Jesus should have risen from the dead. He was a good man wasn't He? Even though He was martyred He left us a good example and some wonderful teaching to follow. Surely that's enough.'?
4. A former Chief Justice of England, Lord Darling, once said: "In its favour as a living truth, there exists such overwhelming evidence, positive and negative, factual and circumstantial, that no intelligent jury in the world can fail to bring a verdict that the resurrection is true."

Starting with Acts 2:32 and 1 Cor.15:3-8, seek to compile evidence that Jesus is alive.

Books that help: "Who Moved the Stone" by Frank Morison; "The Day Death Died" by Michael Green, IVP; "The Resurrection - Fact or Fiction" by Richard Bewes, Lion.

5. Read John 16:20-22 and John 20:19-21.

Why does the resurrection of Jesus bring peace and joy?

6. What encouragement do we receive from Jesus' command and promise after the resurrection in Matt.28:18-20? See also Mark 16:20; Heb.13:5-6.