

STUDY NOTES

THE WAY AND THE WORDS OF JESUS A SERIES *at* NEW CITY CHURCH

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The following content is based on the message “But in Fact Christ Has Been Raised” on 4/1/18 at New City Church in Phoenix, AZ. The following is not meant to be a full synopsis but rather a brief look at the main ideas. To use this Study Guide effectively you must listen to the message found at <http://newcityphx.com/sermons/>.

Leaders using these study notes for group study and reflection should read the Biblical text thoroughly before beginning, using this resource as assistance and not relying solely on this material for insight. We encourage all leaders to pray and ask the Spirit for revelation as they lead their respective community groups.

PRAYER

Pray and ask God to lead the discussion as everyone gets to share.

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 24:1-12

WHAT HE SAYS AND WHO HE IS

Many people can agree that Jesus’s teachings were helpful. However, people don’t want to believe who he said he was—God in the flesh.

“You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

- **CS Lewis**, *Mere Christianity*

- *Have you ever interacted with someone who believed in Jesus’s teachings, but didn’t want to believe in whom he said he was? If so, why did they make that distinction?*

BUT IN FACT CHRIST HAS BEEN RAISED!

Read 1 Corinthians 15:16-20. The apostle Paul says that if there is no resurrection then Christians should be pitied as fools.

- *How does the resurrection legitimize everything Jesus said and did?*
- *Why would Christians be fools if there were no resurrection?*

MARVELING AT JESUS

While Jesus was waiting for his trial, Peter denied Jesus three times. The shame he felt after Jesus died must have been overwhelming. As soon as he heard that Jesus rose from the dead, he ran to the tomb to see for himself. When he saw that Jesus had been raised from the dead, he marveled at what had happened.

The truth of Easter is that God Himself paid the penalty for sin.

- *What gets in the way of you marveling at the work of Jesus?*
- *Why is the work of Jesus so marvelous? How has it been marvelous in your own life?*
- *Pray with each other thanking God for all of Jesus’s work.*