

8. How do you think belief that the resurrection is true impacts your faith (if at all)?
9. Could you be a Christian if it wasn't true?
10. In the message, Kory made the statement, "Passion ignites the fire; truth sustains it." Explain what he meant. Do you agree?
11. Would you say you operate more in the realm of "passion" or "truth? What can you do to facilitate each?

Further Reading:

"The Case for Christ" and "The Case for Easter" by Lee Stroebel.

"Christ is Risen: So What?" by Michael Green

"The Testimony of the Evangelists" by Simon Greenleaf

"More than a Carpenter" by Josh McDowell

"Surprised by Hope" by N.T. Wright



**"The Risen Jesus"**

**Sermon Notes and Takehome**

**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

"Faith means not wanting to know what is true." –Friedrich Nietzsche

"Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time." –Oswald Chambers

"Faith... Must be enforced by reason...When faith becomes blind it dies." – Ghandi

"The Christian "doctrines" are translations into our concepts and ideas of that which God has already expressed in language more adequate, namely the actual incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection" –C.S. Lewis

"Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection." –Watchman Nee

## Sermon Notes:

The idea that all religions are the same hinges on the question, "Does the \_\_\_\_\_ matter?"

If the \_\_\_\_\_ is true, we can trust what Jesus said about \_\_\_\_\_.

"If Christ has not been raised our preaching is \_\_\_\_\_ and so it your faith." -- 1 Corinthians 15:14

The resurrection was the message of the \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning.

- They claimed to be \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 2:32, 10:39-40, 13:28-31)

## The Eyewitness Evidence for the Resurrection:

**Objection:** They lived at a more \_\_\_\_\_ time.

Answer: Even at that time people believed that \_\_\_\_\_ people stay \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: Despite the fact Jesus told them, the \_\_\_\_\_ didn't expect the resurrection.

**Objection:** They were \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer: No one has ever heard of a group \_\_\_\_\_.

**Objection:** They could have just made it up.

Answer: They had nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ and everything to \_\_\_\_\_.

- They believed in a God who severely punished \_\_\_\_\_.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ for their belief in the resurrection.
- (People may die for something they sincerely believe, but they don't die for something they know isn't true.)

Evidence: A group of average to below average Jews became an unstoppable force that turn the \_\_\_\_\_ on its head.

\_\_\_\_\_ starts the fire; but \_\_\_\_\_ sustains it!

## Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. Do you agree that Christianity is useless if the resurrection didn't happen? Why or why not?
2. What's the difference between "evidence" and "proof?"
3. What's the relationship between evidence and proof?
4. What's the relationship between evidence and faith? (see Hebrews 11:1)
5. Review the eyewitness evidence for the resurrection of Jesus.
6. Do you believe we can "prove" the resurrection is historical?
7. Do you believe the fact that Jesus' disciples died for their claim they saw the resurrected Jesus is good evidence for the truth of the resurrection? Why or why not?