

# The Risen Christ

**TEXT:** Mark 16:1-14; John 20:19-29

**KEY VERSE:** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. — John 20:29

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection, and the life” (John 11:25). All human hope centers at Calvary and the resurrection of Christ. Calvary shows Christ’s humanity, and the Resurrection shows His deity. Faith in the truth of Christ’s resurrection brings access to a spiritual resurrection for the believer. Jesus Christ’s life here shows us He was the Son of man; and His power over death shows us He is the Son of God.

1. What does the word *believe* mean, and how does it apply to the Christian?

2. Until they saw Jesus after the Resurrection, the disciples had a difficult time believing Jesus was alive. At the end of our text in John, Jesus said, “. . . blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” What did He mean?

3. What are some things in this life that we believe in and yet don’t see or understand? Parallel this belief to our faith in Jesus Christ and the Resurrection.

4. How does the Resurrection show that Jesus was not a mere human? Why is the Resurrection so important to the Christian? See Revelation 1:18 and 1 Corinthians 15:20-23.

5. What is the Christian's guarantee that if he dies he will be resurrected? See Romans 8:11.

6. How many people were in the largest group recorded as seeing Jesus after His resurrection and why is this such a great fact to us today? See 1 Corinthians 15:6.

7. Suppose a friend asked you the question, "How do you know Christ really rose from the dead?" How would you answer him?

8. How does water baptism typify the Resurrection? See Romans 6:3-5.