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INTRODUCTION

Who was Jesus? A revolutionary? A wise teacher? A great religious leader? Had there been no resurrection, we would have the luxury of speculating on his identity. But if he did in fact rise from the dead, then suddenly we have to reckon with the theme that ties his life together. And when we do, we begin to see how his story ties together the seemingly random events of our own lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How do historians define Jesus? How does our culture define Jesus?
- 2. How did his own disciples define him after his death (see Luke 24:19)?
- 3. Read Luke 24:1-12. Why was it so hard for them to comprehend that Jesus had risen from the grave?
- 4. Read Luke 24:13-35. How did the resurrection tie together Jesus' life?
- 5. How do you process the resurrection as a historical event?
- 6. How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ impact the purpose and meaning of your life?

THINK ABOUT IT

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-19. Why is the resurrection so crucial to Christianity?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What difference will the resurrection make in your life this week?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Luke 24:34