



**Mark 15: 42-45** "It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph." (NIV)

**Mark 9:31-32** "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise. But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it." (NIV)

**1. Hope** \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 15:46-47 "So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid." (NIV)

**1 Corinthians 15:19** "If our hope in Christ is for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone else in the world." (NCV)

Mark 16:1-3 "When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'" (NIV)

**2. Hope** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 16:4-6** "When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. It was a very large stone. As they went into the tomb, they saw a young man. He was dressed in a white robe and sat on the right side. They were panic-stricken. The young man said to them, 'Don't panic! You're looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been brought back to life.' He's not here. Look at the place where they laid him." (GW)

1-Destroyed  
2-Restored  
3-Changed

**Mark 14:27-28**

**Mark 16:7** "Go and tell his disciples and Peter that he's going ahead of them to Galilee. There they will see him, just as he told them." (NIV)

**3. Forever** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 16:20** "Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it." (NIV)

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Max Lucado "Out Live Your Life" [You Were Made To Make A Difference.]

**Acts 17:6** "Paul and Silas have turned the rest of the world upside down..." (NIV)



*Remember, do it to grow, not to get done.*

- ✚ **Warm up** Talk about your Easter traditions growing up. Have you maintained any or has it all changed? What do you do each Easter now? If you watched the Passion of the Christ again, how did it affect you this time around? (7 years later)

**SPIN OFF Q's** There isn't anyone who doesn't want to know more about knowable details regarding life after death. So let's unpack **1 Corinthians 15** a bit since it is a whole chapter devoted to talking about the resurrection and its implications for life now. Each of the 6 paragraphs makes for a good division for discussion and study. However, don't underestimate the power of reading it as a whole for a better and broader context in which to understand it.

- ⚡ vv. 1-11 What *IS* the gospel according to Paul? How does this compare to what passes for "the gospel" popularly today? Why do you think Paul seems to feel compelled to name as many people as possible who saw the resurrected Jesus?
- ⚡ vv. 12-19 Rate the level of importance that is given to the resurrection from the dead in general and to Jesus' specifically. Another way to realize the power of any particular truth or fact is to consider the ramifications of it NOT BEING TRUE. Paul lists at least 7. Can you name them and comment?
- ⚡ vv. 20-28 Thank God for His "buts" in the word; v.20 has one of the best...Jesus rising from the dead validates everything including the belief in a resurrection from the dead in general. So since we know the resurrection of Jesus is true, what are the ramifications of that truth?
- ⚡ vv. 29-34 Verses 33 and 34 seem to be dropped in there from out of nowhere. How did they get there? i.e. how do they relate to this bigger topic of resurrection? And what is their very present day message for us?
- ⚡ vv. 35-49 Paul is very logical and sequential in his arguments. Take some time to follow his reasoning in this section and name what he is proving for us. What has become clearer for you as you have read this? How does it reinforce the beliefs and hope you have in you? Does it raise any new questions?
- ⚡ vv. 50-58 How is sin the sting of death?  
v. 58 is a favorite of mine. Does this verse speak to anyone this week? What's the therefore there for?
- ⚡ **GROUP Action** Has anyone in your group done a Summer Serve in years passed? We need groups to take nights and serve. It's a perfect situation for your group to work and serve together. Simply, it's grilling up hot dogs and serving drinks and Rita's Water Ice for the little league fans and players of games played here at our Morning Star field. Do this instead of meeting for group for a week, or if you're taking some time off this in the coming months, this is a good way to reconnect. Tuesday thru Friday 6pm, games open after May 5, (a schedule is in the lobby or can be seen online). [dave@mstar.org](mailto:dave@mstar.org)

- ⚡ **FURTHER READING** (*Scripture for Daily Reading*)  
Day 1 **Exodus 15**    Day 2 **Mark 16**    Day 3 **Matthew 27:45-28:20**  
Day 4 **Psalms 23**    Day 5 **Exodus 16**    Day 6 **John 1**