## **Quotes to Ponder**

If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that He said; if He didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what He said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like His teaching but whether or not He rose from the dead.

Timothy Keller

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C.S. Lewis

The truth of the resurrection gives life to every other area of gospel truth. The resurrection is the pivot on which all of Christianity turns and without which none of the other truths would much matter. Without the resurrection, Christianity would be so much wishful thinking, taking its place alongside all other human philosophy and religious speculation.

John MacArthur

The devil, darkness, and death may swagger and boast, the pangs of life will sting for a while longer, but don't worry; the forces of evil are breathing their last. Not to worry...He's risen!

**Charles Swindoll** 

The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's kingdom. . . . It is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven. The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it.

N. T. Wright

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer; Death is strong, but Life is stronger; Stronger than the dark, the light; Stronger than the wrong, the right; Faith and Hope triumphant say Christ will rise on Easter Day.

Phillip Brooks

We live and die; Christ died and lived! John Stott

Let us consider this settled, that no one has made progress in the school of Christ who does not joyfully await the day of death and final resurrection. John Calvin

We are more sure to arise out of our graves than out of our beds.

Thomas Watson



Message #110: Easter Sunday

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- 1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
- 2. How is the Holy Spirit speaking to you through God's Word that was used in the sermon this week?
- 3. Why do we worship together on Sunday?
- 4. Must Christians worship together on Sunday? Explain.
- 5. What do the following Scriptures say about the church and what it is to do as we gather together?

Matthew 28:19 — Ephesians 5:19 —

Acts 2:41-42 — 2 Timothy 4:1-2 —

1 Corinthians 11:17-26 — Hebrews 10:24-25 —

- 6. Would you feel comfortable attending a church that didn't meet on Sunday? Why or why not?
- 7. Why is the resurrection important to Christians and their faith (1 Corinthians 15:32b)?
- 8. 1 Corinthians can be termed the Resurrection Chapter because it provides reasons for the resurrection's importance. What are these reasons (1 Corinthians 15:12-14)?

- 9. Why does everything in the Christian faith rest on the bodily resurrection of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)?
- 10. How is the resurrection vital to a Christian's faith (1 Corinthians 15:18-19)?
- 11. What is the mystery that Paul talks about concerning the resurrection of believers (1 Corinthians 15:50-54)?
- 12. When does this resurrection of the believer come, whether they are dead or alive (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)?
- 13. Read *Romans 4:25*. How is Jesus' resurrection connected with our salvation?
- 14. Are we saved by Jesus' death or His resurrection (Romans 5:9-10)?
- 15. Why is a belief in the literal, physical resurrection of Jesus so crucial to our salvation (Romans 10:9)?
- 16. What does the resurrection of Jesus prove about His sacrifice (*Philippians 2:8-9*)?
- 17. Read *Philippians 3:10*. What does Paul want to know? What does this mean for us?
- 18. **Reflection Questions:** What does Jesus' resurrection mean to me? Why am I convinced that Jesus truly did rise from the dead? Am I prepared to explain the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection to others?