

# HISTORICAL FAITH: THE RESURRECTION

## Week 2: Eyewitness

### **Key Scripture**

1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

*1 Corinthians 15:1-8*

### **Main Takeaway**

Testimony is powerful! The First Eyewitnesses had a story to tell and so do we!

**Start Talking:** Tell about a time when you were able to share some very exciting news with others. How did they react?

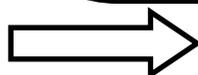
**Start Praying:** Holy Spirit – thank you for Your witness through Eyewitnesses who saw, touched, and experienced the Risen Lord. Their stories are inspirations to us! Thank you that you have made me an eyewitness to share with others my experiences of faith in the Risen Lord! May these stories inspire others to follow! Amen!

#### **Start Studying:**

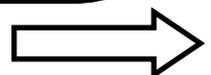
- Key Text: As we think about our testimony – what is of First Importance? Do we talk like this is true?
- Psalm 22:22: Where is the focus of sharing in this passage (believers to non-believers or believers to believers)? Why is this important to do?
- 1 John 1:1-4: What completes their joy? Read 3 John 4 – note “Children” means “Christians” here. Why does this bring us joy too?
- Isaiah 43:10-12: God testifies something specific about Himself vs other “gods”? What is it?
- Isaiah 43:8-10: Knowing this about God, God calls us something specific in verse 10. What is it? Why must we do this?

#### **Start Applying:**

- Have you ever been an eyewitness for something? Why was it so important that you told your story?
- Why are you an “eyewitness” for faith in Jesus? Why is it so important that you share your story? Who do you think God wants you to share it with?
- Write out and reflect on our personal faith story. Take some time this week to jot down some notes. Focus on God’s action. Focus on God sightings. Focus on Jesus’ love for you throughout your life. What would your eyewitness story be?
- Share with each other. If Christians cannot share this with each other – why would we ever share it with non-believers? How can your life group help make our narthex and church conversations more about Jesus and His activity in our lives and less about sports/ weather?
- Life Group – Real life meets a real Savior. Sharing life together and sharing Jesus. This is a great place to deepen Jesus’ connection to your life and start sharing it! How can you encourage others to try a life group?
- God Sightings – this is a simple way Redeemer encourages us to be on the look out for God in action in your life! Do you have a recent God Sighting – share it!



**Fill out Biblical Equipping**



**Finish in Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for all that you have done for us. May we see through your eyes and what you see so that we can share with others. In your name we pray.

# NOTES

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## BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

The Bible passage I will focus on is:

The part of this passage that caught my attention is:

I will apply this passage to my life by:

Before next meeting, the impact God had on me through this verse was: