

REALITY OF RESURRECTION

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, April 5, 2026; Steve Thiel

The certainty of the crucifixion and the reality of Christ's resurrection from the dead are critical to Christianity. Read through the following passages, reflect on their importance, and answer the following questions.

I. The Reality of the Crucifixion – Read through the different accounts of the crucifixion.

- A. What stands out to you in each account, and list what is unique to each Gospel.
1. Matthew 27:32-54 _____

 2. Mark 15:21-39 _____

 3. Luke 23:26-49 _____

 4. John 19:16-30 _____

- B. How does the interaction with the two criminals confirm the reality that Jesus has the power and authority to forgive sins and to promise the hope of eternal life in paradise (Luke 23:32-43)?
- C. What is the significance of the darkness and the curtain being torn in two (Luke 23:44-45)?
- D. In what ways does the reality of the crucifixion encourage you to live for the glory of God?

II. Jesus' Resurrection – Read Luke 23:50 – 24:12 and answer the following questions.

- A. What facts stand out to you from Luke's account regarding the certainty of the resurrection?
- B. How does the new stone tomb help solidify that Jesus' dead body wasn't confused with another?
- C. How do the transformed lives of the disciples help validate the reality of the resurrection?
- D. What are some of the arguments against the resurrection? Do you find any of them compelling?
- E. Do you think that you should include the certainty of the resurrection in your evangelism?
- F. What are some ways in which the resurrection brings conviction and clarity to your life?