

HOPE GROUP

STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

Easter, Evidence & Eternity

Selected Scriptures

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GETTING TO KNOW ME

How did your family celebrate Easter when you were little?

What is most significant about Easter to you today?

INTO THE BIBLE

The following Biblical references provide apologetic evidence for the historicity of the resurrection. How do they impact your faith?

Acts 1:22 – Witness of the resurrection

Acts 2:32 – Witnesses of the resurrection

Acts 10:39-43 – Death and resurrection witnesses; commission to preach

Romans 4:25 – Jesus delivered up and raised

1 Corinthians 11:23-29 – Received/delivered: Body/blood

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 – Creed on death and resurrection that Paul received

Philippians 2:5-11 – Jesus humbled, died, exalted and glorified. (Considered a hymn by many scholars which has an early date.)

Why does Paul make such a big deal about the fact of Jesus' physical resurrection? **1 Corinthians 15:1-20**

What would be the outcome if Jesus was not raised bodily?

APPLICATION

What significance does the historicity of the resurrection make in our evangelism efforts?