



1. Do we have a HOLIDAY MIX-UP?

- A. Up until the 19th century many churches in America didn't really celebrate _____.
- B. The most memorable moment for the early church was the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
1. The Apostles gave up their careers.
 2. _____ of the 12 died a martyr's death.
 3. They started new churches.
 4. It cost them financially & their _____.
2. The Resurrection is a _____ *truth*, not just a religious truth.

1 Corinthians 15:12-32

- A. Non-Christian historical authors wrote about Jesus.
- B. The Bible teaches that we have hope because of the Resurrection.
- C. Wasn't Jesus just a copy cat? Isn't His story just borrowed from other _____ stories?
- The *Zeitgeist* movie makes these claims about the Egyptian god _____:
3. If Jesus Isn't Alive Today...

1. _____ in Jesus is absolutely worthless.

1 Corinthians 15:14, 17

2. The New Testament is filled with lies and written by liars.

1 Corinthians 15:15

3. Heaven is a silly _____. **1 Corinthians 15:18**
4. Christians are pitiful fools. **1 Corinthians 15:19**
5. Personal sacrifice is stupid. **1 Corinthians 15:30-32**

Jesus was either a liar, _____, or He was God – C.S. Lewis

4. What should we do if it's true? Acts 2:37-42

_____, get baptized, & seek to know and do His will.

Connection Group Questions

Further Study on the Sermon from August 28, 2022

1. Which events in Jesus' life would you like to have witnessed in person?
 - The Birth of Christ
 - The Crucifixion
 - The Resurrection
 - OtherWhy?

2. Think of the most mournful funeral you've witnessed. What made it so sad? Think of a joyous and hopeful funeral you've attended. What made it such a time of encouragement?

3. Pastor gave us five things that would be true if the Resurrection hadn't happened. Two of them were "heaven is a silly myth" and "personal sacrifice is stupid." In contrast to these, we see throughout the Bible people making decisions about life based on the reality of heaven and the wisdom of sacrificing for God's kingdom. How do you see the people mentioned in the following verses living in ways that reflect these truths?
Hebrews 11:24-28, Hebrews 11:32-38

4. When someone decides to live in light of the reality of the Resurrection, there will be a cost involved because anything worth much usually costs much. How do Jesus' words about the cost of following Him in **Luke 14:25-35** fit with your spiritual journey and/or experience in following Him?

5. The Resurrection is the ultimate proof that Jesus is who He claimed to be and everything He said is true. In light of that, let's examine some statements Jesus made about himself in John's Gospel using the phrase "I am." Next to each passage jot down the ways that statement's truth could impact your life.
John 6:35-51, John 8:12, John 10:7-18, John 11:25-26, John 14:6