

**Reasons NOT To
Believe**

Objections to Christianity

**An interactive Bible study for
individuals, families,
and LIFE Groups**



Life Groups

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“Didn’t They Find Jesus’ Family Tomb?”

1 Corinthians 15:1-20

In this series of Bible studies, we are looking at some of the honest questions people ask about Christianity and considering a Biblical response to those questions. Each week this discussion guide will help you reflect upon the Sunday sermon and apply its content to your life. Whether you work through these lessons on your own, with a friend, or in your family or LIFE Group, we believe they will help you have your own personal encounter with Jesus. If you ever miss a sermon, you can always listen to it online at www.upc-orlando.com.

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:

SHARE

If the resurrection of Jesus Christ did not really happen, in your opinion what difference (if any) would that make to history, to people in general, and to you?

REFLECT

a) Summarize the evidence presented by those who believe they discovered the bones of Jesus in his family tomb. How persuasive do you find that evidence to be?

b) Why, in his Sunday sermon, did Mark Bates say that that evidence is really no evidence at all? Do you agree or disagree with him? Why?

c) In 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, what evidence does Paul produce for the resurrection of Christ? How persuasive do you find that evidence to be?

d) What further bit of evidence for the resurrection do you find in 1 Corinthians 15:9-11?

e) Can you think of other things not already mentioned that make belief in the resurrection of Christ reasonable?

f) Why does Paul say, "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men"? (1 Corinthians 15:19)

APPLY

a) If you are doing this study in a small group, try having a debate. Divide your group in two, and let one side argue for the resurrection of Christ and the other against it. See how well you can incorporate the ideas of Scripture and this week's sermon into your debate.

b) When a scientist, archeologist, author, or some other expert ridicules or rejects a key article of your faith, does it rock your world? If so, it could be that you need a better understanding of the Bible. What needs to happen in order for you to read and study the Bible in a more consistent fashion? Check any of the following that you think would help:

- Buy a Bible.
- Get a more up-to-date translation of the Bible.
- Devise a realistic plan for daily Bible reading.
- Stick to the Bible reading plan that I already have.
- Ask someone to hold me accountable to my Bible reading plan.
- Get a Bible dictionary or a study Bible to help me understand what's going on.
- Spend less time watching TV or reading other things besides the Bible.
- Meet with someone who can answer my questions about the Bible or Christianity.
- Other: _____

c) According to 1 Corinthians 15:20, Christ's resurrection is a preview and guarantee of the resurrection of the bodies of those who trust in Him. Does the future resurrection of your body comfort you? Confuse you? Worry you? Explain:

The angel rolled away the stone from Jesus' tomb, not to let the living Lord out, but to let unconvinced outsiders in.

Donald Grey Barnhouse, 1895-1960