



Alive & Free | Easter Sunday
1 Corinthians 15:20-23 | April 5th - 11th, 2015

Warm Up: Open by discussing the following quote from C.S. Lewis. *“If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.”*

● Read aloud **1 Corinthians 15:20-23**.

- It's significant that Paul speaks of the resurrection of Jesus Christ as “a fact” (v. 20). What facts do you consider to be *most* compelling about the resurrection?
- Unlike every other world religion, Christianity openly and joyfully invites seekers and skeptics alike to examine its truth claims. How big of a role has examining the evidence of Christ's resurrection played in your own spiritual journey?

● On Sunday, George highlighted a few of the “top theories” which deniers of the resurrection use to explain the empty tomb. They were: 1.) The disciples must have taken the body of Jesus. 2.) Jesus only *appeared* to be dead, but actually regained consciousness and escaped from the tomb. And 3.) The disciples went to the wrong tomb.

- Either from The Shoreline Church app, your own notes, or outside sources, discuss some of the obvious difficulties with each of these three theories.
- Should Christians be well-studied in these kinds of arguments? Why or why not?

● On Sunday, George illustrated the brevity of our lives using a long white rope with a small piece of yellow tape at one end. This tape represented the brevity of our short earthly lives (See Psalm 90:12) as compared to the rest of eternity. He shared how countless individuals invest everything into their temporal lives, with the hope of “taking it easy” for the last few years.

- How ingrained is this kind of thinking in our culture? Give examples, even of how your own heart falls into this trap.
- In your experience, what is the greatest antidote to materialism, or going all out for comfort, pleasure, or security in this life?

Wrap Up: God's Word says, *“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.” - Ephesians 1:19, 20 NLT* Pray through these words as you close, that each of you would have a rock solid understanding of God's mighty power living in you. The same power which raised Jesus Christ from the dead!