

RESURRECTION Q&A



THEOLOGICAL QUESTION

How do I know Jesus really rose from the dead?

BIG IDEA

Jesus physically died on the cross and three days later, resurrected from the dead in bodily form in front of a great crowd of witnesses. This changes everything for us, because our Savior is alive.

SCRIPTURE USED

John 2:18-22 *But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it." "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." "What!" they exclaimed. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?" But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.*

Hebrews 2:14-15 *Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.*

Romans 1:2-4 *God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line, and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.*

For this lesson you will need:

- One copy of the Resurrection Q&A Game question and answer cards found at the end of this lesson. Print these four pages out double-sided so that the numeric point values appear on the back of the corresponding questions and answers, then cut the 12 cards apart.
- Timer
- Prizes of some kind for the game are highly recommended! You might consider a "participants' prize" and a "winning team prize."

OPENER

RESURRECTION Q&A GAME

Leaders' Note: This lesson includes a Q&A game that contains much of the meat of this lesson. The game is a teaching tool, as it describes several reasons why we can trust in the resurrection. Because it contains so much content, the game should take a larger portion of your lesson than typical "openers." Because it is an integral part of the study, please plan accordingly to prep the game completely, use the options to make the game fun for your group, and be sure to read the extra information after each question.

This game is meant to be a fun and engaging way to share several very solid reasons why the resurrection account is reliable with your students. Remind students that God's Word is all that we need! He said it: It is truth. Still, God gave us even more reinforcement for the resurrection because He knew how hard it would be for some people to accept! These are just a few of those reasons.

Prior to your meeting, print out one copy of the Resurrection Q&A Game question and answer cards found at the end of this lesson—feel free to enlarge them prior to printing, if you prefer. Print these four pages out double-sided so that the numeric point values appear on the back of the corresponding questions and answers, then cut the 12 cards apart. You will need to display the numeric point value sides of these cards in a way that all your students can see. You may do this by mounting the cards on a poster board or white board, or by spreading them out on the floor for students to come up and select.

Get as into the game play / game show host atmosphere and mentality as you want to! Keep a running point tally for each team posted during the game to help drive the competitive atmosphere.

EXPLAIN

To get started, rather than walk through several different alternative theories—like Jesus had a twin, or Jesus just fainted—we are going to review 12 reasons why it is far more reasonable to accept that Jesus really rose from the dead. (Leaders, for a lesson that explores and addresses some of the alternative theories to the resurrection, see Dare 2 Share's Youth Group 2 Go lesson "[Jesus: Dead or Alive.](#)")