

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from April 24, 2011 Why Should We Believe the Resurrection Testimony of the Disciples? John 20:1-28

Observing the text

Read Matthew 16:21-22; 17:22-23; 20:18-19; 26:31-32. Did Christ speak of His death and resurrection to His disciples?

Read Mark 16:9-11. Did the disciples understand and accept what Jesus was teaching concerning His death and resurrection?

Read John 20:19-21, 26-27. When did they finally come to believe that Christ had in fact risen from the dead?

Read Acts 2:22-24; 3:12-15; 4:5-12. How did they manifest their faith in the resurrection?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:11-13. As the disciples bore witness to the resurrection how were they treated?

Applying the sermon

What factors made the disciples confident that Christ had risen from the dead?

How did the disciples' confidence in Christ rising from the dead manifest itself?

Putting together the factors that made the disciples confident that Christ had risen from the dead and what they suffered because of that confidence, what is the necessary logical conclusion?

How fully convinced are you that Christ did in fact rise from the dead?

How has your belief in the resurrection impacted your life?