

## WEEK 37

### DISCUSSION GUIDE AND DIGGING DEEPER

List all the possible alternative explanations for the resurrection (other than that it happened!) Now consider all the ways that Mark's information and accounts undermines these explanations.

Read 16:7. What is the significance of the angel's assignment to “go, tell his disciples and Peter?”

Why does Mark take such care to show that the resurrection was a historical event? Why does that matter?

Most of the reliable manuscripts we have indicate Mark's gospel ending abruptly at 16:8. If (as it seems) he ended it that way, why did he do so, do you think?

When you ponder your faith, or when you face doubts, what is the bottom line for you —what is your anchor? How do you give a brief answer to, Why are you a Christian?

How does the martyrdom of ten of the apostles provide evidence for the resurrection?

How does the founding of the church in the city of Jerusalem provide evidence for the resurrection?

Hypothetically, what could the Romans or Jews have done that would have disproved the testimonies to the resurrection and stopped the Christian religion before it started? Why did they not do those things?

Toward the end of Jesus' ministry, what were the disciples expecting of Him? When Jesus was crucified, what were they probably thinking?

How do the conversions of James and Paul testify to the resurrection of Christ?

How does your own heart and personal experience give testimony to the resurrection of Christ?”

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

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