



“What if it’s True? | Jesus Descended and Rose Again”

July 24

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever thought about what ‘he descended to the dead’ meant? If so, what did you make of it?
2. Had you ever noticed the verses in the Bible that reference Jesus descending to the dead? If so, what did you make of them? Cf: 1 Peter 3:18-20; 1 Peter 4:6; Eph 4:7-8; Rev 1:17-18; Heb 2:14-15.
3. What do you think of the doctrine “The Harrowing of Hell”? What are your feelings around it? Does it fit with how you have understood Jesus’ death and resurrection? If not, why not?
4. What does it mean for us if we believe that Jesus physically rose from the dead?
5. How do you feel about the claim that nothing can separate us from God’s love?

1 Corinthians 15:3-5,12-22

The Resurrection of the Dead

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.