

WEEK FOURTEEN
THE TRUE LIFE

SERMON NOTES

→ The resurrection of Jesus **COMFORTS** us with hope.

→ The resurrection of Jesus **CONFRONTS** our doubt.

→ The resurrection of Jesus **COMPELS** us to take on his mission.

READING PLAN

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Jn 20:1-9	Jn 20:10-30	Jn 20:24-31	Jn 21:1-14	Jn 21:15-25

STUDY/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some ways that today's culture treats the subject of death? Do you think we take this subject less seriously than previous generations?
2. Read John 20:1-18. Explain what you think the disciples might have been thinking or feeling. Look at verses 8-9. What is the relationship between believing and understanding?
3. Why was it significant that Mary Magdalene was the first to report the resurrection of Jesus? (hint: would a woman's testimony be more or less believable in Jewish culture?)
4. Read John 20:19-29. What evidence does Jesus present the disciples to confirm his identity?
5. Look specifically at verse 29. Why is it better to believe without seeing? Does belief in the resurrection require blind faith? Explain.
6. John 20:21-23 again, paying close attention to verse 21. What does it mean for Jesus to "send" his followers in the same way that the Father sent him?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

- How often do you think about the subject of death?
- What kind of evidence would you need to believe that Christianity was true?
- [For your kids] How can we know that Christianity is true?

