



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“Liar, Lunatic, or Lord”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. Without the resurrection, preaching is useless, faith is futile, and believers are still in bondage to sin.
2. The resurrection of Christ is the vindication of everything that came before, and the guarantee of everything that follows.
3. The resurrection validates the material world and promises its ultimate redemption.
4. God desires for you to share in His resurrection.

Key Verse:

“And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!”

— 1 Corinthians 15:17

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is the resurrection of Jesus essential to the Christian faith?
 - Pastor Garrett said that without the resurrection, “preaching is useless, faith is futile, and believers are still in bondage to their sin.” Why is this doctrine so central, and what would be the implications if the resurrection had not happened? **Further Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12–19**
2. How does Jesus’ resurrection validate both Scripture and His promises?
 - How do Old Testament prophecies and Jesus’ own words affirm that the resurrection wasn’t random but part of God’s precise, promised plan? What does this tell us about trusting God’s promises today? **Further Reading: Psalm 16:10, Isaiah 53:11, and Matthew 12:40**
3. How can you explain the resurrection of Jesus to a skeptic in a reasonable and compelling way?

- Pastor Garrett pointed to eyewitness accounts and transformed lives. What historical or personal evidence gives you confidence in the resurrection? How would you respond to someone who says it's just a legend or myth? **Further Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3–8**
4. What does it mean that the resurrection “validates the material world and promises its redemption”?
 - How should this truth affect the way we view our bodies, our planet, and the work we do in this world? What does it mean to live now as people of future resurrection? **Further Reading: Romans 8:18–23 & 1 Corinthians 15:42–44**
 5. In what ways have you personally experienced the “resurrection power” of Jesus in your life?
 - Pastor Garrett said the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in believers today. Where have you seen that power at work in your story? In others? **Further Reading: Romans 6:4–11**
 6. Which of the four “L” options for Jesus—Liar, Lunatic, Legend, or Lord—do you think people most commonly choose today, and why?
 - C.S. Lewis’ famous trilemma (with the added “Legend” option) forces us to make a choice. How does declaring Jesus as Lord affect your daily decisions, relationships, and priorities? **Further Reading: John 11:25–27 and Romans 10:9**

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.