

## Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

### Examining the Evidence for Easter

- Josh McDowell - *More Than a Carpenter*
- Lee Strobel - *The Case for the Real Jesus: A Journalist Investigates Current Attacks on the Identity of Christ*
- Frank Morrison - *Who Moved the Stone?: A Skeptic Looks at the Death and Resurrection of Jesus*

### Today's Topic

- Billy Graham - *Nearing Home: Life, Faith, and Finishing Well*
- N.T. Wright - *The Day the Revolution Began: Reconsidering the Meaning of Jesus' Crucifixion*
- Randy Alcorn - *Heaven*

## Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

### Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

### NIV First-Century Study Bible

explore Scripture in its Jewish and early Christian context

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contains over 20,000 study notes.

### Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

### Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

**Plus... be sure to stop by the Welcome Center in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!**

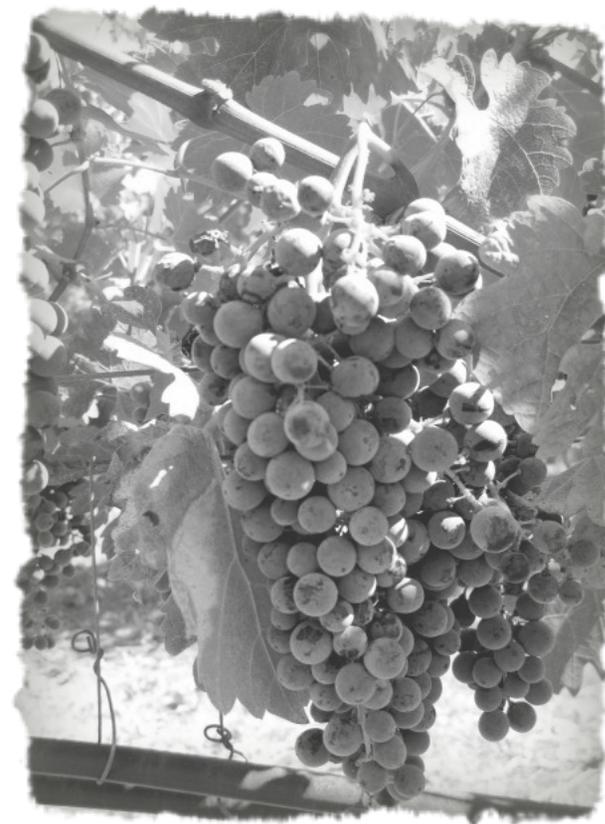
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## Life After (and Before) Death

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

**We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.**

# Life After (and Before) Death

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Notes:

# Digging Deeper Questions

*In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.*

1. Icebreaker: By the time you go through these Digging Deeper questions, Easter Sunday will be in the rear-view mirror. Share some highlights about how you celebrated Easter or about any activities you participated in during the season of Lent. Have fun with this question!
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "aha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Read Mark 16:5-7. As Christians, we believe something that seems unbelievable—namely, that Jesus died but didn't stay dead. Have you ever wrestled with this truth or examined the evidence? How might you "do your homework" to become more grounded in why you believe what you believe about the resurrection of Jesus? Explain. (Note: A great "next step" would be to purchase and read through one of the suggested resources on the back of this program.)
4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:9. When you picture heaven, what do you think it will be like? What will people experience, what will they do, and what will they look like? Have fun with this question!
5. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, and with those verses in mind, read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18. Then put yourself in the apostle Paul's shoes for a moment. Do you think you could experience suffering and hardship like Paul went through and refer to it all as "light and momentary troubles"? Why or why not? Be honest!
6. Read Psalm 145:9. It is so easy to take blessings for granted in our lives through a focus on negative and frustrating things. As Christians, we need to make a conscious effort to redirect this thinking. With that in mind, share and discuss some ways that the Lord has been good to you or that He has blessed you. Be specific.
7. Read John 14:2-3. In *God's Empowering Presence*, Gordon Fee writes, "Such future-oriented people live in the present in a way different from the rest . . . so confident of the future that they can pour themselves into the present with utter abandon, full of joy and peace, because nothing in the present can ultimately overwhelm them." To what degree does your life mirror Fee's words?
8. ACTION STEP: Please join us next Sunday, April 23rd at 10:30am as we start our all-new series called *The Spirit of Prophecy*. Here is a sneak preview:  
The Bible is not just a history book of what God did "back then." It's a book of what God wants to do in our day. And that's what we want for our church: to read stories in the Scriptures about miracles, healings, and transformation by the love of Father God; to cry out to God, *do it again, Lord!*; and to see mountains move as a result!

## Key Passage:

***"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"*** - Luke 24:5-6 (NIV)