

EASTER 2018 - KNOW FOR CERTAIN

INTRO

- Share a fond or funny Easter memory?
- Did you eat a lot of chocolate at Easter?
- Did you eat fish on Good Friday? If so, do you know why?

READ

Luke 24:1-6

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures **1 Cor 15:3-4**

REFLECT

Before one looks at the personal impact of the life of Christ in our lives, one must first be convinced of the reality of the resurrection as historical fact. After all, we all know dead people stay dead. To believe in the resurrection is to believe in miracles.

The resurrection of Jesus or resurrection of Christ is the Christian religious belief that, after being put to death, Jesus rose again from the dead. It is the central tenet of Christian theology and part of the Nicene Creed: "On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures".

Sir Lionel Luckhoo (1914-1997) is considered one of the greatest lawyers in British history. He's recorded in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the "World's Most Successful Advocate," He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II -- twice. Luckhoo declared:

"I humbly add I have spent more than 42 years as a defense trial lawyer appearing in many parts of the world and am still in active practice. I have been fortunate to secure a number of successes in jury trials and I say unequivocally the evidence for

the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt."

Qu: Is it hard for you to believe in the miracle of Jesus rising from the dead?

Jesus, a living Lord

There are many ways that the presence of Jesus can be experienced. Here are just three:

- I am loved
- I am called
- I am sent

Loved – I sense the presence of Christ with me even when life gets hard

Qu: In what ways do you feel God helping you though difficult times?

Called – I know I have a purpose and Christ helps me realize it

Qu: Do you know your purpose in life?

Sent – I know that my life is directed by Him and I need to allow Christ to be the Lord of my life and not just my Saviour

Qu: Do you find it hard to allow Jesus to be lord of your life?

RESPOND

- What encouraged and challenged you the most out of today's discussion?
- How can you practically apply what you're learning to your personal life?

PRAY

- Pray for one another to live out the power of the resurrection in everyday life