

PBC Growing in Christ

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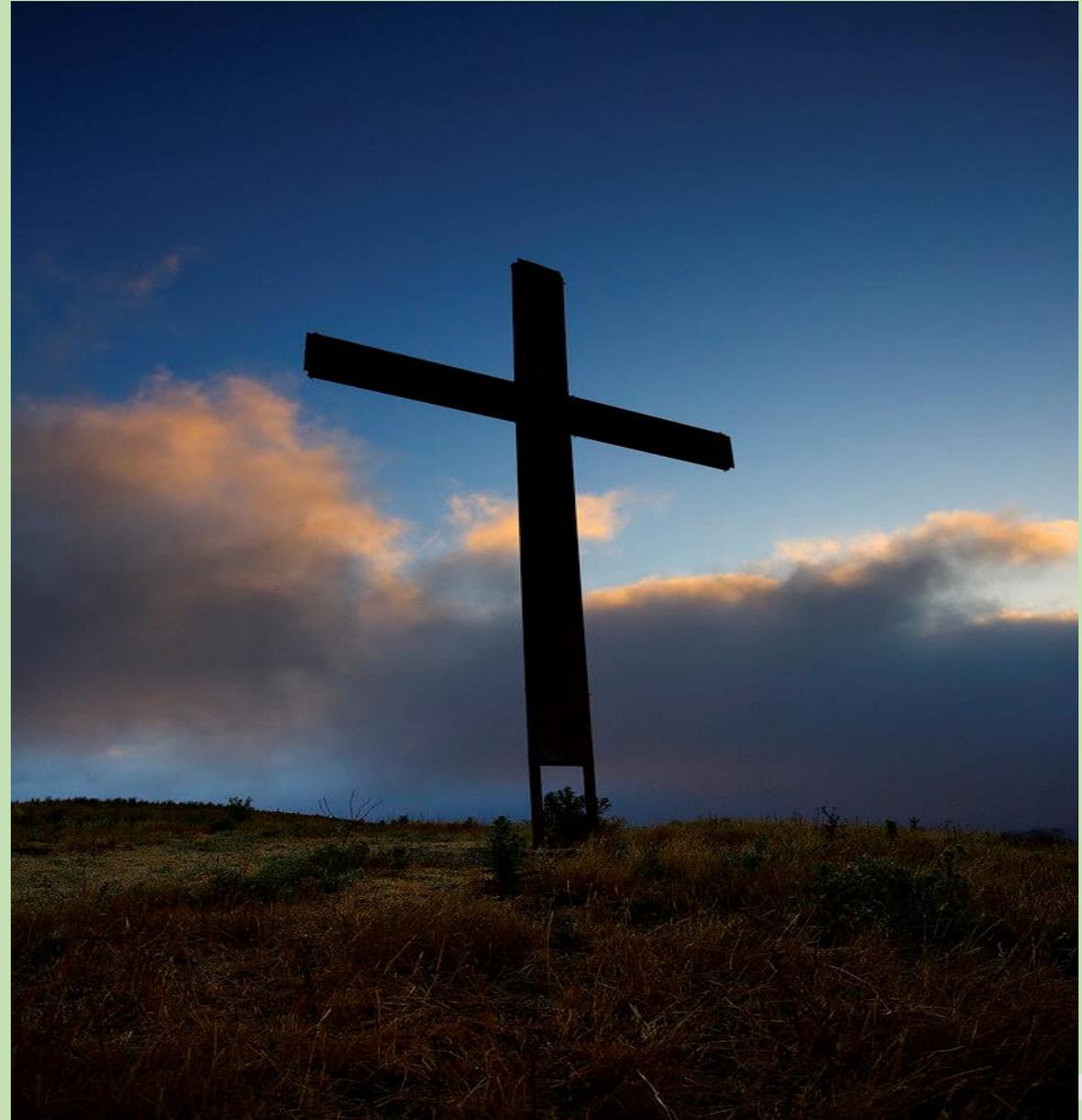
Class Norms



- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:3-9,19-23,27-29

What are some things
once thought impossible
that have become a
reality?

Scripture

The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:3-9

3 At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. 5 Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then, following him, Simon Peter also came. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. 7 The wrapping that had been on his head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a separate place by itself. 8 The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then also went in, saw, and believed. 9 For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.

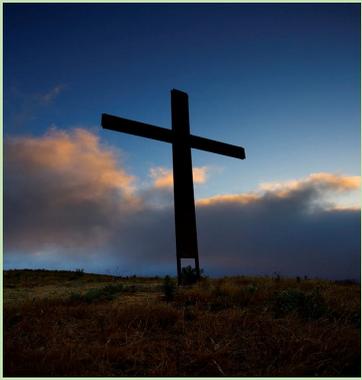


The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:3-9

What evidence has helped you believe in the historical accuracy of Jesus' resurrection?

What obstacles can keep people from fully accepting the resurrection and its implications?



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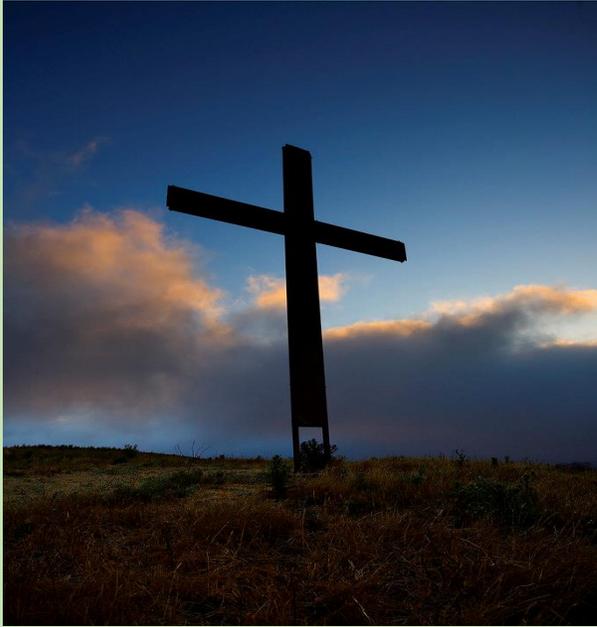
- **Justification.** Jesus' resurrection means we, who believe in Him, are justified in God's eyes. "He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25).
- **Eternal life.** "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through his Spirit who lives in you" (8:11). The moment we believe what the empty tomb tells us—Jesus is alive—His Spirit will live, forever, inside of us.

Scripture

The Resurrection of Jesus

John 19-23

19 When it was evening on that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because they feared the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 Having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you." 22 After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."



The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:19-23

How has Jesus' resurrection brought peace to your life?

How can Christians today be proof of Jesus' resurrection?



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John 20:19-23

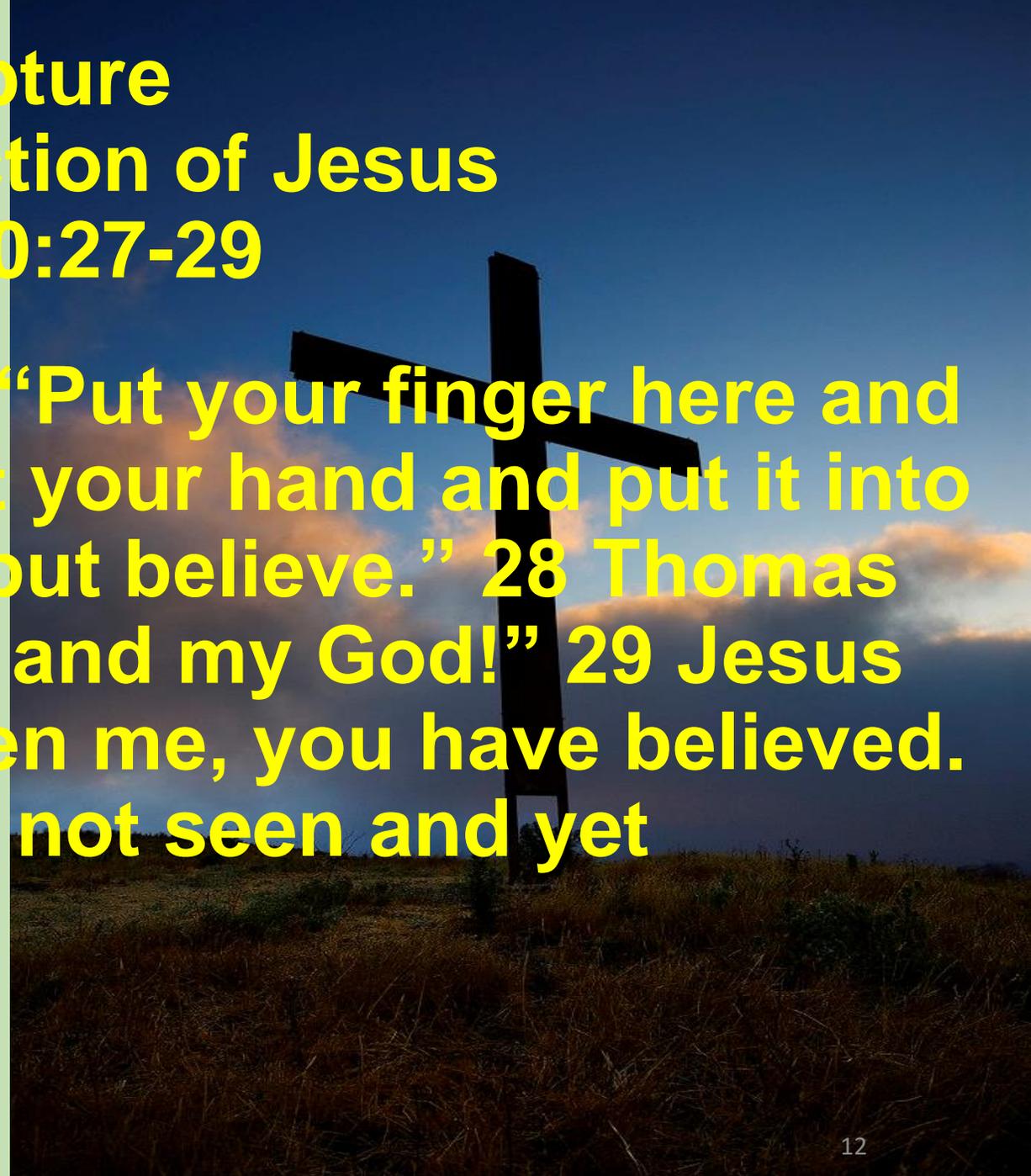
- It's true the disciples didn't fully know what to do with the reports that Jesus was alive. They saw the empty tomb, but something was still missing.
- On the evening of the resurrection, they gathered behind a locked door. And then, without warning, Jesus was there—inside the locked room. To calm their fears, Jesus spoke a simple but profound phrase: “Peace be with you.”

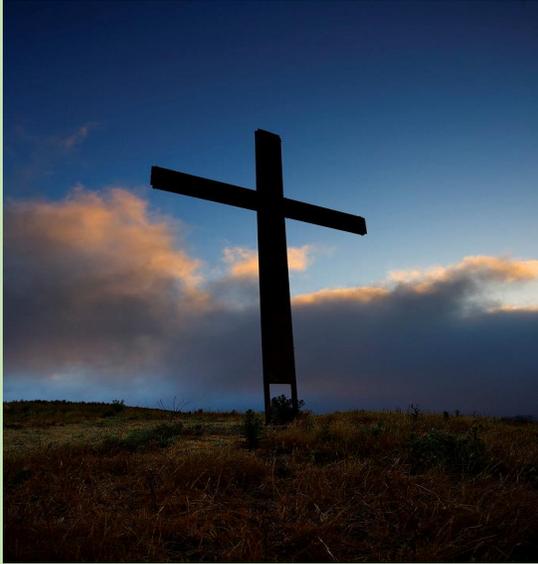
Scripture

The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:27-29

27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don’t be faithless, but believe.” 28 Thomas responded to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”



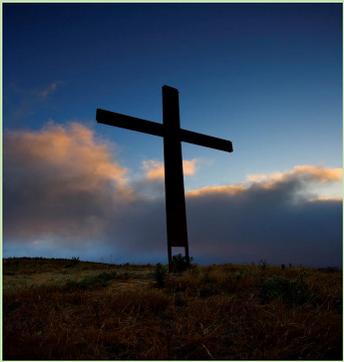


The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:27-29

Why is the resurrection of Jesus an essential element of the gospel?

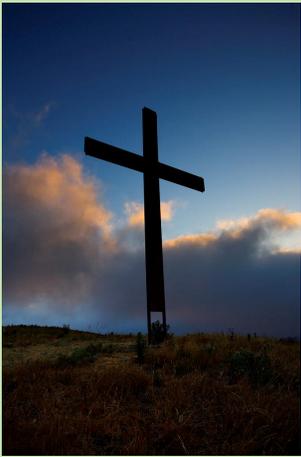
What are we saying when we say we believe in Jesus?



The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:27-29

- We don't know why Thomas wasn't with the other disciples at the first encounter with the risen Jesus. Perhaps he was heartbroken and couldn't bring himself to gather with the others.
- A week later, Jesus provided the proof Thomas needed to believe. The words Jesus spoke to Thomas speak to us too. "Because you have seen me, you have believed."
- Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." When we choose to believe the truth about Jesus' resurrection, we will be blessed—both now and for eternity.



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Trust in Him.** If you have never trusted Jesus as your Savior and Lord, give your life to Him now. Talk to your Bible study leader.
- **Transform the now.** The resurrection of Jesus changes everything, not just eternity. When we truly believe in the power of His resurrection, our lives are transformed now. Look for opportunities to hand over control of your daily decisions to the Lord.
- **Tell someone.** New life in Christ is possible for everyone. But how can they trust Jesus if they don't know about Him? Identify someone in your life who hasn't trusted Christ. Invite this individual for coffee or lunch and have an intentional gospel conversation.



Final thoughts about The Nature of Sin

- When we choose to believe the truth about Jesus' resurrection, we will be blessed—both now and for eternity. Salvation is only the starting line. The abundance of the Christian life is just beginning for you—and it's all because Jesus rose from the dead.

Resources

- [BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth](#)
- Bible.com





Next Week: April 11, 2021
The Work of the Holy Spirit

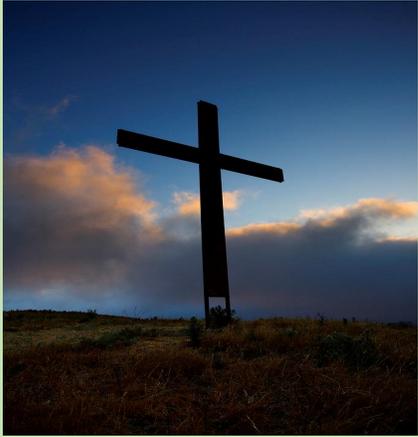
THE POINT

The Holy Spirit magnifies the work of Jesus.

THE PASSAGE

John 15:26-27; 16:7-15

What's a memorable parade you've watched or attended?



Bible Study Session Date of Essentials of Christianity

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| 1 | March 7, 2021 | The Nature of God | John 14:8-11,16-20,23-26 |
| 2 | March 14, 2021 | The Purpose of Humanity | Genesis 1:1-5,26-31 |
| 3 | March 21, 2021 | The Nature of Sin | Isaiah 59:1-13 |
| 4 | March 28, 2021 | The Death of Jesus | John 19:8-11,16b-18,28-30 |
| 5 | April 4, 2021 | The Resurrection of Jesus | John 20:3-9,19-23,27-29 |
| 6 | April 11, 2021 | The Work of the Holy Spirit | John 15:26-27; 16:7-15 |
| 7 | April 18, 2021 | The Return of Jesus | Matthew 24:3-8,29-32,42-44 |



God Bless You!

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