

**Next Steps:**

God likes to surprise people by doing unexpected things at unexpected times. Nowhere is this more clearly seen than in the resurrection of Jesus. Spend some time this week looking at the resurrection stories written in these passages: Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-31

How did the resurrection surprise the different people in these stories? How did people recognize Jesus after the resurrection? How did people respond once they recognized Jesus?

Read Acts 7:54 – 8:3. A man named Saul hated the people who were following Jesus. What was he trying to do to these Jesus followers?

Read Acts 9:1-19. How did Jesus surprise Saul and how did Saul recognize Jesus during this post resurrection experience?

Saul believed Jesus was resurrected. His heart was changed and he changed his name to Paul. He then dedicated his life to letting everyone know the resurrection was absolutely true. But of course it has been debated and doubted since the beginning. Paul wrote 1 Corinthians 15:1-28 to help the doubters and debaters believe. How does this passage give evidence for the resurrection and why is the resurrection so important for Christian faith?

Listen to the song, “Forever” by Kari Jobe and the reading, “Jesus Is Forever” by Isaac Wimberly:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=huFra1mnlVE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huFra1mnlVE)

What does this song and poem say about Jesus? How do these statements encourage you, challenge you and reassure you?

**Next Week:** You are invited to join us again next Sunday as we kick-off a new series of messages called “Got Questions.” The Bible has answers to life’s most important questions we would like answered. You won’t want to miss this life-giving series.