



STUDY GUIDE TEN – FROM SERMON ON APR 5/26

This week we come to the turning point of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus. The Nicene Creed reminds us that “on the third day He rose again...He ascended into heaven...He will come again in glory.” These are not just theological ideas—they are world-shaping realities. The tomb is empty, the throne is occupied, and history is not finished. In this study, we’ll explore what it means that Jesus rose, reigns, and will return—and why that changes everything for us today.

HE ROSE - THE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION

Read **Luke 24:1-12**. What stands out to you about the women’s experience at the tomb? What emotions do you see in the passage?

In **Luke 24:5-6**, the angels ask, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?” What do you think this question is meant to reveal or challenge?

According to **Luke 24:11**, the disciples initially thought the report was “nonsense.” Why do you think Luke includes their doubt?

Read **Matthew 28:11-15**. What alternative explanation is given for the empty tomb? What does this suggest about what even Jesus’ opponents admitted?

Read **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**. What does Paul emphasize about the witnesses to the resurrection? Why is this significant?

The sermon highlighted that many eyewitnesses suffered and died for their testimony. Why is that important when considering whether the resurrection is true?

Read **Acts 2:22-24, 32**. What is the central message of Peter’s preaching? How central is the resurrection to the early church?

Think about the transformation of people like Peter (Luke 22:54-62 vs. Acts 2:14-41). What changed in him?

Why is the resurrection not just a “nice ending” to the story of Jesus, but the foundation of the Christian faith?

HE REIGNS - THE PRESENT REALITY OF JESUS

Read **Acts 1:9-11**. What does the ascension tell us about where Jesus is now and what He is doing?

Read **Hebrews 1:3** and **Hebrews 7:25**. What do these verses say about Jesus’ authority and His ongoing work for us?

Curtis said in his message, “The throne is occupied.” What areas of your life are hardest to believe Jesus is truly in control of?

How does knowing that Jesus reigns right now bring comfort or challenge to your daily life?

In what practical ways can we live as citizens of His kingdom today (see **2 Timothy 1:7-9**)?

HE WILL RETURN - THE FUTURE HOPE

Read **Hebrews 9:26-28**. What is the difference between Jesus’ first coming and His second coming?

What does it mean that Jesus will come to “judge the living and the dead”? How should that shape the way we live?

Read **Revelation 21:1-5**. What future hope is promised to those who belong to Jesus?

In his sermon, Curtis said, “History is not finished.” How does the promise of Jesus’ return change the way we view suffering, injustice, or uncertainty?

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

Which of these truths do you find most encouraging right now: that Jesus **rose**, **reigns**, or will **return**? Why?

The final question of the sermon was: What will you do with this? What is one step you feel prompted to take in response to the risen, reigning, returning King?

CLOSE YOUR TIME TOGETHER BY PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER