

Sermon Discussion Questions, April 24, 2011
Easter Service - Week Nine
What If Jesus Didn't Rise from the Dead? , Dr. Rod MacIlvaine
1 Corinthians 15:12-22

OBJECTION – Resurrection focuses our attention on a future we can't see; so, we don't engage with the present we do see. 1 Cor. 15:12-13

1. What would Western Civilization have been like if Jesus never rose from the dead? Why is it so hard to envision a world without the influence of Christ?
2. What do some people/groups believe about the afterlife today? How does your confidence about your future resurrection motivate you today?

CONFRONTATION – Paul shows that our faith is futile if Jesus didn't rise from the dead. 1 Cor. 15:14-19

3. Skim verses, 14-19. What are the spiritual implications if Jesus didn't rise from the dead?
4. What are reasons Christians should be pitied if there is no resurrection? How do you know the resurrection is true? What evidence is there to support your belief?

CONCLUSION – Because Jesus rose from the dead, he has become the foundation hope of the human race. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

5. Why is Jesus the hope for the world?
6. Why can Jesus be trusted above any and every other so-called spiritual authority?
7. How does a secure eternal position affect your life? Think practically and honestly.

