

“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”  
2 Timothy 2:22

## April 17, 2022 - Evidence for the Resurrection

The apostle Paul wrote, “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is in vain...your faith is worthless, and you are still in your sins.” (1 Corinthians 15:14, 17). The entire Christian faith hinges on the resurrection, and God gave us powerful evidence for it!

**#1: The majority of scholars now believe Jesus’ tomb was empty.** Even many atheist scholars who deny the resurrection are in agreement Jesus’ tomb was empty after He died.



**#2: Women were the first witnesses to the resurrection.** I know this is insulting, but the testimony of women in the first century wasn’t taken seriously in court. If Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John made up the resurrection story, they would have never used women as the first witnesses! That’d be like making up a religion today and saying, “The first witnesses were 5-year olds!” The best explanation is that this is exactly how it happened!

**#3: No one venerated Jesus’ tomb.** In Jesus’ day, at least 50 tombs of prophets or other holy people were sites of veneration and worship. No one in the first century worshipped at His tomb because He wasn’t there!

**#4: Jesus appeared to hundreds of people after His resurrection.** After Jesus’ resurrection, He stayed on earth for 40 days! He met with women, with His disciples, with a crowd of 500 people at one time! Skeptics say these were hallucinations, but it’s medically impossible for hundreds of people to have the same hallucination!

**#5: Christianity started in Jerusalem where Jesus was buried.** As soon as the apostles preached, “Jesus rose from the dead!” all people had to do was go to His tomb and say, “Uh, no He didn’t. Here’s His body.”

**#6: Almost every apostle was killed for their belief in the resurrection.** The minute you’re threatened to be crucified, stoned, scourged to death, or to have your head cut off, you’re going to be quick to say, “Okay we made it up!” or “Okay, maybe it was just a hallucination.” Instead, the apostles suffered their whole lives and died for their belief in Jesus’ resurrection.

**#7: The amazing change in Jesus’ apostles.** The disciples went from being cowards who abandoned Jesus at His death to conquering spiritual warriors in a matter of days! *“If the defeated and depressed group of disciples overnight could change into a victorious movement of faith, based only on autosuggestion or self-deception — without a fundamental faith experience — then this would be a much greater miracle than the resurrection itself.”* (NT scholar Pinchas Lapide)

**#8: Change in the Jews.** After 1,500 years of keeping the Law of Moses, Jews suddenly went from offering animal sacrifices for sins to trusting Jesus as their sacrifice, from worship on the Sabbath to worship on Sunday, from keeping the Law of Moses to keeping the law of Christ, from keeping the yearly Passover to keeping the weekly Lord’s Supper, from baptism to make Jewish proselytes to baptism to join themselves with Jesus’ death and resurrection — all at the risk of being hated and ostracized by their Jewish communities.

This is only the tip of the iceberg of evidence for the resurrection! Former atheist philosopher Anthony Flew said: *“The evidence for the resurrection is better than for claimed miracles in any other religion. It’s outstandingly different in quality and quantity.”* - BM (Credit also to “New Evidence that Demands a Verdict,” p. 232-302)

### Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord’s Supper Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Class  
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

### Elders

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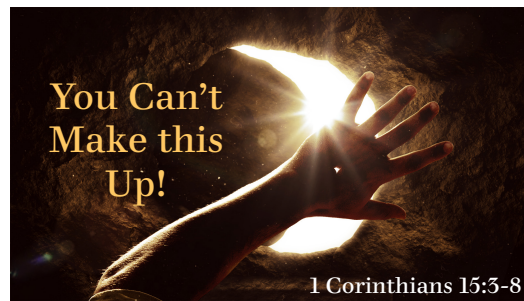
### Deacons

Matt Hinely, Terry Petty  
Erik Quist, Rory Salimbene  
Emory VanCleaf

### Evangelists

Brian Messerli 407-300-2517  
Dwayne Gandy 214-724-5375

**Wednesday Bible Classes** 7:30 p.m.



## Paul Shares a Well-Known \_\_\_\_\_ in 1 Corinthians 15

- **Creed** = a carefully crafted, memorable summary statement of belief
- **v. 3** - Delivered on first visit, in 51 AD. Received it himself before that time.
- **Galatians 1:10-11** - From Jesus in 32-33 AD? Or from the apostles in 35 AD?
- Most Scholars, Christian or not, place the formulation of this creed within 2-3 years of Jesus' resurrection.

**It would have been far more impossible for people to \_\_\_\_\_ a made-up story about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection than for Jesus to raise from the dead.**

### 1. Our Failures aren't \_\_\_\_\_!

- **v. 5** - He first appeared to Cephas (Peter)...
- **Acts 10:37-43; Romans 6:4-5**

### 2. Our Faith isn't \_\_\_\_\_!

- Our faith is only as valid as the object in which it's placed. Flimsy object = empty, futile faith. Strong object = \_\_\_\_\_!
- **1 Corinthians 15:12-17**

### 3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ isn't Foolish!

- **v. 19** - If Paul's suffering/fighting, but there's no life beyond this one, he's a pitiable fool. (**v. 30-32**)
- **2 Corinthians 1:8-10; 1 Corinthians 15:58**

### 4. Our \_\_\_\_\_ aren't Final!

- **v. 6, 18, 20** - The dead are merely "\_\_\_\_\_"
- **1 Corinthians 6:14; Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57** - "DEATH! THOU SHALT DIE!"

### Questions to Think and Pray About

1. If you don't believe in the resurrection, what's your biggest barrier? Is it an intellectual/logical barrier, an emotional/heart barrier, or a volitional/will barrier?
2. We used a 2-3 year gap because even atheist scholars believe that's when Paul's creed was formulated. But creeds take time to develop, and the Bible says it was only a 2 month gap from Jesus' resurrection to the time the apostles told people about it (like me saying it happened in Orlando in February, 2022)! How much more confidence does that give you it actually happened?!
3. How can the power of Jesus' resurrection start working in your life this week?

# Announcements

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Please email all new announcements to [announcements@psd.church](mailto:announcements@psd.church).

## MEMBERS HEALTH ISSUES:

- **Deanne Quist** has been struggling with Uveitis again recently. Please pray the doctors can find a solution so she can begin recovery soon.
- **Brandon Gunn** received the results of an MRI, and they are less good than he hoped for. His liver is developing liver disease as a side effect of heart surgery he had as a baby. He is showing signs of early cirrhosis of the liver. He still "feels" healthy. Please pray for Brandon.
- **Carol VanCleef:** Her left artificial knee surgery is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>. She is getting Pre-op tests done. She really enjoys getting calls and cards.
- **Clara Hutchinson** is in Room 419 at Life Care Center of Altamonte Springs. She would love to have visitors and can receive cards and letters there as well. The address: Clara Hutchinson, Room 419, Life Care Center of Altamonte Springs, 989 Orienta Ave, Altamonte Springs, Fl. 32701

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PSD:

- **Dave Thomas**, former member, has been given good news. He was finally released by his doctor to go back to work and can now drive to Titusville to preach on Sundays. Dave, Jennifer, and the whole Thomas family are all thankful to God for his healing power and for all the prayers from PSD.
- **David & Marina Ciolkosz, the brother of Jon Ciolkosz**, are in Bucharest, Romania. They are on the processing list to come to the US.

## TRAVELING:

- **Stacy Tokash** is with family in Gainesville this weekend.
- **Tom Holiday** is out of town this weekend and **Bryan Strayer** is unable to attend worship today.
- **The Easter Bunny** is traveling as well.

## Deacon Selection:

- **New Deacons: Bobby Burns and Daniel Fritz** have been selected by the church to serve as deacons. At this time the shepherds ask if there is anyone who has an objection to either one of these men being appointed deacons? If you do, please go directly to the man, and discuss his objection with him. If you are unable to resolve the matter, please come to the shepherds and discuss with us. If there are no objections, these two men will be appointed deacons on Sunday, April 24. We urge you to be here and participate in their appointment process.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **House2House begins next Sunday April 24:** Sign-up sheets are available. Sessions: **Sunday at Matt/Amy Hinely's house** at 2:00, Dwayne Leading. **Monday night at the Salimbene's house** at 7:00, Dave Weaver leading, **Tuesday night at the Petty's house** at 7:00, Jeff Hunt leading.
- **Vicky Andrews** is moving to Tennessee this week to be near her sisters. Please pray for her safe travels. We will miss her being a part of PSD.
- **Because Kendra Aiken** has morning sickness, we are asking our church family to help with meals two days a week. There is a schedule for meals on TakeThemAMeal.com, for Tuesday and Thursday. Kendra is asking for you to PLEASE text or call Kendra before coming over because she is very sick and low on energy. She is not able to visit. Please text her before leaving your house, leave it on her porch in the cooler and text her that you are gone. Please access the Meal Schedule directly through the web site at TakeThemAMeal.com or find a link on our web site at psd.church, after you log into psd.church. Look for the link on the side bar. The Recipient's last name is Aiken and password is **3839**

## SHUT-IN:

- **Anne Dickson, Geny Harrison, Peggy Hunt, Lynna Davis, and Pat Steele** and they miss singing with us.

## DATES TO NOTE:

DATE	EVENT
SUNDAY, APRIL 24	DEACON APPOINTMENT SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 24	FIRST DATE FOR SPRING HOUSE2HOUSE SESSION



## Bible Challenge - Resurrection Edition!

1. Who was the first of the 12 disciples to arrive at Jesus' empty tomb?
  - a. Peter
  - b. Andrew
  - c. James
  - d. John
2. Where did Jesus eat breakfast with His disciples after His resurrection?
  - a. A stadium
  - b. A field
  - c. A beach
  - d. An inn
3. Who mistook Jesus for the gardener after His resurrection?
  - a. Peter
  - b. Mary Magdalene
  - c. Hophni and Phineas
  - d. Judas
4. What did the chief priests bribe the Roman guards into saying about Jesus' missing body?
  - a. It got destroyed in a fire
  - b. It was stolen by his disciples
  - c. It got swept away in a flood
  - d. He was never really dead in the first place
5. Which rich man let Jesus use his own tomb?
  - a. Elon Musk
  - b. Zacchias
  - c. The rich young ruler
  - d. Joseph of Arimathea
6. "Was it not necessary for the Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ these things and to enter into His glory? Then beginning with \_\_\_\_\_ and all the prophets, He explained to them all things concerning Himself in the \_\_\_\_\_" (Luke 24:26-27 NASB)

### **Answer Key:**

1. d (John 20:2-4)
2. c (John 21:4-11)
3. b (John 20:14-18)
4. b (Matthew 28:11-15)
5. d (Matthew 27:57-60)
6. suffer, Moses, Scriptures