

- ii. What was it Peter and John saw?
 - a) What didn't they see?
 - b) He saw grave clothes and no Jesus!

D. You too can have life (John 20:30-31)

LIVE THE STORY

The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community. The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.

- Evangelicals are often more accustomed to thinking in terms of substitution (i.e. “Because Christ died, we live.”). What does the statement, “Because Christ lives, we live,” tell us that the first statement may not?
- What do you think Chesterton meant by the statement that the doctrine of original sin “*is the only doctrine of the Christian faith that is empirically provable*”? How might this truism be useful in sharing the gospel?
- Why must we understand that because Adam died we all died, in order to truly understand the work of Christ?
- What is the doctrine of original sin? Why is it not the same thing as the first sin?
- How did the first sin effect Adam and Eve and how they lived in this life? How is Christ's resurrection intended to effect how we live now?
- What brought John (the other disciple) to faith in the resurrected Christ in John 20:8?

Because I Live, You Also Will Live

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Text: John 14:19

Introduction

- A. His resurrection is so close He can taste it.
 - i. He must taste death. (John 13:1; 15:13-14)
 - ii. In Him was life! (John 1:4; 5:26)
- B. How did all this death and dying begin?
 - i. God created paradise and put man in it. (Genesis 1:1, 31; 2:8, 15)
 - ii. Death Enters the World (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-4)

I. Because Adam Died, We Died

A. Original Sin

Alan Jacobs: *“Blaise Pascal believed that without this particular belief we lack any possibility of understanding ourselves. G. K. Chesterton ... [adds] that it is the only doctrine of the Christian faith that is empirically provable.”*

- i. It is not the first sin—Adam's sin.
- ii. Romans 5:12
 - a) We all die because of his sin.
 - b) Sin entered all of us through the one man and therefore all sin and all die.

Alan Jacobs: *Any moderately perceptive and reasonably honest observer of humanity has to acknowledge that we are remarkably prone to doing bad things...things we acknowledge to be wrong.*

B. Because Adam died, we died.

i. John 8:34

ii. Ephesians 2:1-3

Randall Jarrell: *“Most of us know... that man, when you knock his chains off, sets up the death camps.”*

Rebecca West: *“If the whole human race lay in one grave, the epitaph on its headstone might well be: ‘It seemed like a good idea at the time.’”*

II. Because Jesus Lives, We Will Live

A. In what sense do we live because of the resurrection?

i. Christ Jesus the man died, but he had no sin.

➤ John 10:17-18

ii. Martin Luther King Jr.: *“A lie cannot live.”*

iii. When God raised Jesus from the dead, it was the start of a brand new creation. (Colossians 1:15, 18)

iv. 2 Corinthians 5:17

B. We **will be resurrected** because of the resurrection.

i. John 14:2-3

ii. 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

C. We live **now** because of the resurrection.

i. John 14:19b–21

a) *Whoever has Jesus commands and keeps them loves Him.* What commands is this talking about.?

➤ John 15:12

➤ John 15:17

b) Galatians 5:22-23

ii. We can truly live because of the resurrection. (Romans 6:4)

III. Who lives because of the resurrection?

A. Who is the “you” of vs 19?

B. The seeing which John the apostle did on that first Easter.

i. John 20:3-8