

**Taking it Home:**

- Where would the world be today without Jesus' resurrection from the dead?
  
- How does Jesus appear to you today?
  
- What are some evidences of your genuine life transformation through Jesus Christ that people see in you?
  
- What are some ways that you can display a resurrected life in your realm of influence?

**Suggested Reading:**

- "More than a Carpenter," Josh McDowell
- "The Case for Christ," Lee Strobel
- "Who Moved the Stone," Frank Morrison

**Suggested Videos/DVD's:**

- "The Passion of the Christ"
- "The Case for Faith" (DVD), by Lee Strobel

Easter Sunday  
An Appearance that Rocks One's World  
1 Corinthians 15:1-8

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**An Appearance that Rocks One's World**

Where would your life be without the resurrection?

Notes:

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 4, 2010

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

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**Quick Review:** The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is, without a doubt, the most powerful and important event in the history of the world (other than Jesus' birth). Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead has secured victory over sin, Satan and death for those who trust Jesus as Savior. This fact is illustrated by a very religious man very close to Jesus; His brother James. After Jesus' resurrection, James became a new man and was radically transformed through His personal belief in Jesus as Savior.

## My Story

- Share your earliest memories of Easter, i.e., what were some of your Easter traditions; did your family attend church; did you understand the resurrection message, etc?
- In your understanding, what would you say is the difference between a person who is "very religious" and a person who has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior? Is there a difference?
- Throughout your childhood or your adult life, have you heard the narrative about the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ (Easter message)? Why do you think it is so important for Christianity & Christians? Is the resurrection of Christ necessary? Why or why not?
- From your personal experience, do you know someone who was religious but demonstrated genuine life transformation once they trusted Jesus as Savior?

## Growing Deeper

- READ John 7:4-5. It is clear from the Scriptures that Jesus' brothers were not believers, even though Jesus clearly stated He was the Messiah, they did not believe Him. Why do you suppose Jesus' brothers failed to recognize their brother was the Messiah?
- We know from numerous historical accounts that Jesus' brother, James, was a very moral and religious Jewish man, yet He failed to trust Jesus as His Savior until a very significant event took place. Pastor Matthew shared what the event was and gave the evidence of the significant transformation that radically changed James, forever? Discuss.
- Pastor Matthew mentioned why some people today have hindrances or obstacles that cause them not to trust Jesus Christ as Savior? What are some of those hindrances Pastor Matthew mentioned?