

April 16 | Sunday

Creed: What Christians Believe and Why

Read [John 20:1-18](#)



17 | Mon – I believe in the resurrection of the body... | Read [Luke 20:27-40](#)

Christians believe in bodily resurrection. During Jesus' life, he taught and then demonstrated its reality by bringing at least three people back from the dead: a widow's son, the daughter of synagogue leader, and his friend Lazarus. Eventually they all died again. So why do you think Jesus gave them back their physical life temporarily?

18 | Tue – So what? | Read [John 10:18](#) and [1 Corinthians 15:3-8](#)

Two days ago Christians celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, who was seen alive by over 500 eyewitnesses. Why is this event so significant? Before his death, Jesus declared that he had the power to lay down his life and take it up again. Do you think Jesus' resurrection proved anything? Is so, what? And why does that matter to you?

19 | Wed – It is a choice | Read [John 11:25-26](#)

Not only did Jesus claim that he was "the resurrection and the life" and that those who believed in him would live, even if they died. Jesus spoke these words to Martha as she was grieving the death of her brother Lazarus. Then he asked her a question that echoes down through the years to this moment..."do you believe this?" What is your answer to this piercing question, for yourself and for the people you love?

20 | Thu – Hope for life | Read [John 14:19](#)

It was Jesus' final night, and he knew that he will be arrested soon. These men had become more than just his disciples; they had become his friends (15:15). He knew that he was going to die and that they would fear for their own lives as a result. His words may have seemed strange and confusing to them at the time but later became a rock they could stand on. What do these words mean to you? Do you think this promise is for us as well?

21 | Fri – The greatest fear | Read [Psalm 23:4](#) and [John 14:1-3](#)

Fear of dying is one of the strongest, most universal fears that human beings experience. How do you deal with this fear in your life? One woman named Joy described facing her terminal illness with peace, except when she thought of the actual moment of death. Then she recounted the day the Holy Spirit made John 14:3 come alive for her and the anxiety melted away..."I don't have to go alone; Jesus is coming back to get me!"

22 | Sat – Forever | Read [1 Corinthians 2:9](#), [Philippians 3:20-21](#), and [2 Corinthians 4:16-18](#)

Christians believe there is life in heaven after death, more amazing than anything that can be imagined, for anyone who trusts Jesus. And that life includes a new body. Think about how Jesus was described by those who saw him after his resurrection. He was visible, solid, recognizable and he talked, ate and drank with them. Yet he was also able to circumvent the laws of nature. A new home, a new body, a reunion with those you love, and living forever with this amazing Man who made it all possible...that is your future! How does this belief affect your "right-here-and-now" life?