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**hope** died.

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There were no **Christians**  
because  
there was no **Christ**.

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to keep the **dream** alive  
or the **movement** moving.

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Jesus was not  
**who he claimed** to be.

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## Jesus' **Outrageous** Claims:

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- Claimed to **be God**
- Power to **forgive sin**
- Greater than the **Temple**
  - Lord of the **Sabbath**
  - Greater than **Abraham**
  - Greater than **Moses**
- Greater than the **Prophets**

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# BREAD OF LIFE MESSAGE

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*From this time **many** of his disciples  
turned **back** and no longer **followed** him.  
“You don’t want to **leave** too, do you?”  
Jesus asked the Twelve.*

John 6:66-67 NIV

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*Simon Peter **did not** answer Jesus,  
“Lord, **leave** you, are you **kidding**,  
to **whom** shall we go?  
Nobody **teaches** as well as you do.  
We’ve **learned** so much.  
Your **content** is compelling,  
and your **storytelling** skills are without **equal**.  
Granted **today** wasn’t one of your **better** outings.  
But one **mediocre** message  
is no reason for us to **abandon** you.”*

John 6:68-69 NIV

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*Simon Peter answered him (Jesus),  
“Lord, to **whom** shall we go?  
**You** have the words of **eternal life**.  
We have come to **believe** and to **know**  
that you are the **Holy One** of God (Messiah).”*

John 6:68-69 NIV

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“IT IS **FINISHED.**”

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Everybody **expected** Jesus  
to do what **dead** people do  
– **stay** dead.

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No Savior

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No Believers

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No Hope

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**SOMETHING HAPPENED!**

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The Event

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The Movement

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The Bible

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The **Christian** faith  
did not begin with **Genesis**,  
it began with  
the **resurrection** of Jesus.

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How do we **know**  
about the **resurrection**?

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# The **reason** we **know** about the **resurrection** ...

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- Matthew
  - Mark
  - Luke
  - John
  - Peter
  - James
  - Paul

*Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, Went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So, Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid (buried).*

Mark 15:43-47 NIV

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When the *Sabbath* was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James ... *bought* spices so that they might go to *anoint* Jesus' body.

Very *early* on the first day of the week, just after *sunrise*, they were on their way to the *tomb*, and they asked each other,

"Who is going to *roll away* the stone from the tomb?"

But when they *looked* up, they saw the *stone*, which was very large, had been *rolled away*. As they *entered* the tomb, they saw a

*young man* dressed in a *white robe* sitting on the right side, and they were *alarmed*. "Don't be *alarmed*," he said. "You are *looking* for *Jesus* the Nazarene, who was *crucified*. He has *risen*!

He is *not here*. See the place where they laid him. But *go*, tell his *disciples* and Peter, 'He is *going* ahead of you into *Galilee*.

There you will *see him*, just as he told you.'"

Mark 16:1-7 NIV

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# BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH

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*“The time has **come!**  
The **kingdom** of God  
has come **near.**  
Repent and **believe**  
the **good news!**”*

Mark 1:15 NIV

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## 3 QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. The four gospels focus on the **life**, the **death** and the **resurrection** of Jesus? When you think of **Easter**, which if those **three words** comes to your mind?
2. The event of the **resurrection** led to a **movement**, which led to the **Bible** being compiled? If you get this **sequence** out of order, how might that lead one to **confusion**?
3. Read **Mark 16:1-7**: What **details** about this **story** would lead a reader to **believe** this **happened**? What **stands out** the most to you?

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