

Proof of life – Growth Group Study
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In a kidnapping situation, why might law enforcement agencies ask for proof of life, and how might that proof be given?

Given, that to many sceptics in our day, the idea that Jesus rose from the dead is unbelievable, why do Christians believe this?

Read John 20.2 & 19 Luke 24.20-21

Mary thought Jesus body had been moved

The two disciples were downcast

The disciples were hiding

What do these actions reveal about the disciples view of Jesus' resurrection?

Read Luke 24.25 & John 20.24b

What did Thomas have in common with modern day sceptics?

Why were the disciples slow to believe?

Norval Geldenhuys wrote, *From the Gospel account of the Resurrection, it is as clear as daylight that nothing and no one except the risen Jesus Himself convinced His perplexed followers of the fact that he had indeed arisen. Even the testimony of the angels, of the women, of Peter and of the men of Emmaus was not sufficient to reassure the rest completely. ... the final reassurance came only when Jesus himself appeared to them and banished all doubt.*

Read Luke 24.38-43, John 20.27 & 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

How did Jesus give proof of life?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

How is Jesus' resurrection proof of the *Afterlife*?

How is Jesus' resurrection linked to the Christian hope of eternal life?

Read Luke 24.32, John 20.15-16, 21.15-17

Consider how Jesus interacted with Mary at the graveside, the disciples on the road to Emmaus, reinstating Peter – more than just proof of life, how do we see proof of love?

Since Jesus has given us proof of life, proof of the afterlife and proof of love ...,

how can we witness/demonstrate this to others as:

Individuals

Greyfriars Church

For personal reflection:

What strength/comfort do you take from Jesus' proof of life?

How does this proof of life and love inspire you to share your faith with others?