

### *Possibilities, Knowledge, and Conviction*

**Impossibility:** things that I believe **cannot** be true

**Possibility:** things that I believe **might** be true

**Knowledge:** things that I believe **actually are** true

**Conviction:** knowledge that **shapes my life**

What are some examples?

Where do these things fit?

- God
- Life after death
- Life in heaven with God through Jesus Christ

## This changes everything!

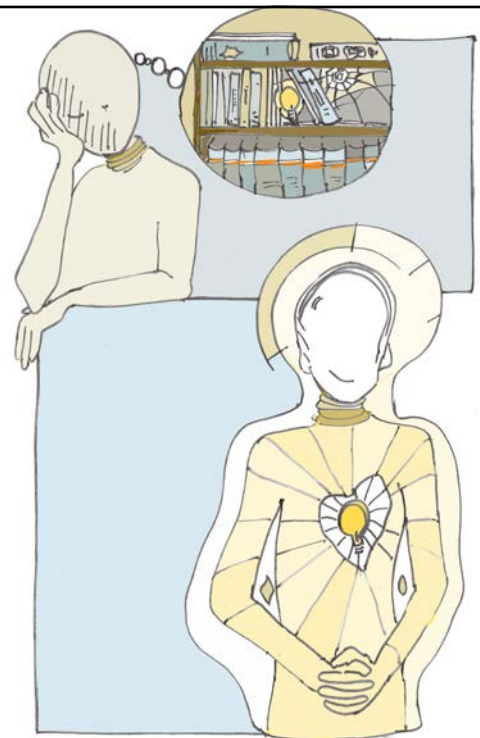
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***Jesus Christ's Actual Death in our place***

“But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.” *Isaiah 53:5*

“When they came to the place called the Skull, they  
crucified him there.... Jesus called out with a loud voice,  
‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ When he had  
said this, he breathed his last.... Then Joseph of Arimathea  
took Jesus’ body down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed  
it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet  
been laid.” *Luke 23:33, 36, 53*

***Jesus Christ's Actual Death in our place***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

*The Apostles' Creed*



***Luke 24:***

1-8: Women found empty tomb & angels explained

9-12: • They came to anoint a dead body

13-32: • Angels: “Why do you look for the living  
among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”

36-47: • They said that Jesus’ words have come true

48-49: • Son of Man (Jesus) must be crucified then rise

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13-32: • Peter chose to explore

33-35: • Found empty grave clothes and he wondered

36-47: • Still no one had seen Jesus’ body, dead or alive

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50-54:

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33-35: • Walking and wondering about Jesus' death and

36-47: missing body

48-49: • Jesus joined them, but God kept them from

50-54: realizing it was Him. He listens

- Jesus: "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!"
- He explained that the Messiah had to suffer
- They realized it was Jesus after He disappeared

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36-47: • Jesus appeared to Simon Peter

48-49: • People shared their experiences of the resurrection

50-54: • Together they came to greater belief



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36-47: Jesus came to all of the disciples

48-49: • They thought Jesus was just a spirit not flesh & bones

50-54: • Jesus rebuked their fear and doubts

- He gave proofs: touch hands & feet, eating food
- "Opened their minds": just as **all** the Scriptures said
  - Messiah had to suffer, die, and rise from the dead
  - Repentance for forgiveness preached to all nations

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50-54: • They were to tell what they had experienced  
as it had been written and promised

- They were going to be "clothed with power from on high": the Holy Spirit

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50-54: Jesus went physically alive into heaven

- Jesus blessed the disciples, and didn't stop
- They worshiped with great joy, even when He left
- They waited for power, praising God

**The Big Idea**

Jesus Christ

is physically resurrected

victorious

and in glory

forever

**Who was crucified, died, and was buried  
as our ransom because of sin**

**Not merely spiritual, or a force,  
or a metaphor, or a hope**

**Purchased our forgiveness**

**Ended the power of death**

**Ransomed us forever**



**What is the actual, bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ for you?**

- **Impossibility?**



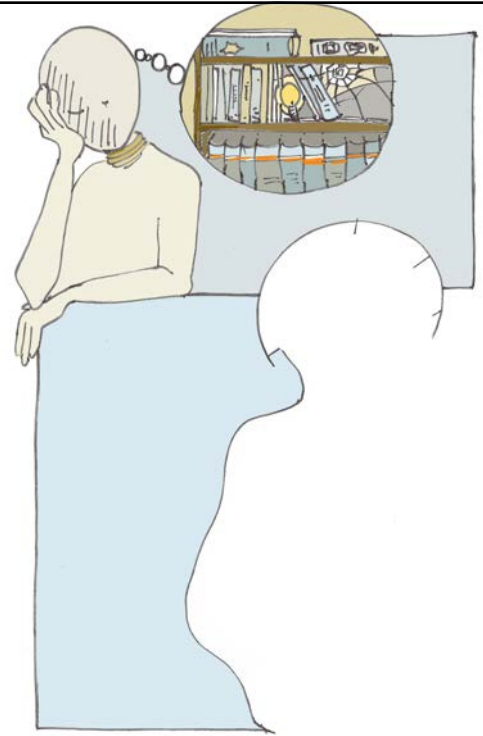
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- **Knowledge?**

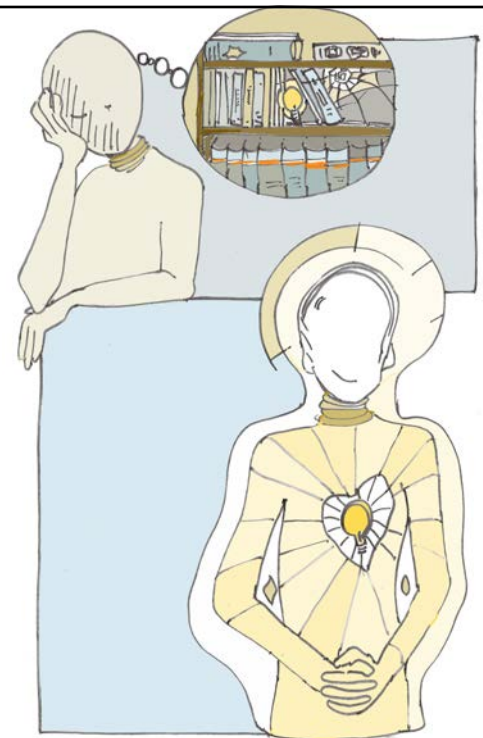


- **Conviction?**



**Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” *John 8:12***

**“No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. ... Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.” *Luke 11:33, 36***



### *Application*

- **Believe that Jesus rose bodily from the dead**
  - Even first-hand witnesses struggled to believe!
    - It was a miracle = an act of God
    - Miracles always require faith
    - Yet it is the most reasonable explanation of the facts
  - The road to faith can be a journey
  - So keep taking steps toward faith
  - If you sense something different in the presence of God's people, maybe it is like 'our hearts burning within us'
    - God is still working. Don't miss Him!

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- **Believe that Jesus rose bodily from the dead**
- **Be lighted by the conviction of the resurrection**
  - The resurrection means that what happens **after death** is far more important than what happens **before death**
    - Death is NOT the end
    - Acceptance by God in Christ is worth so much more than...
      - People's praise and approval and care for you...
      - Money, success, degrees, and tenure and ...
      - Pleasure, comfort, "self fulfillment" in this life
  - The gift of the Spirit today gives true meaning to any experiences and struggles we have in this life



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- **Believe** that Jesus rose bodily from the dead
- **Be lighted** by the conviction of the resurrection
- **Joyfully worship** our risen Lord
  - Our God took our suffering, shame, and trouble as if it were His own, and gave us forgiveness
  - Our God turned us from being enemies of God and made us deeply loved children of God in Christ
    - If you turn to Christ, you (mind, soul, and body) are ransomed and adopted by the King of all Kings!

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- **Be lighted** by the conviction of the resurrection
- **Joyfully worship** our risen Lord
- **Tell people about** our risen Lord
  - This good news must be told!
  - God's plan: repentance for forgiveness in Jesus' name is for the peoples of every nation
  - So be His witnesses, both near and far
  - By the power of the Holy Spirit

## The Big Idea

Jesus Christ  
is physically resurrected  
victorious  
and in glory  
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**He is risen!**

**He is risen indeed!**

