



The Day No One Believed

*John 6:66, 68–69;
Mark 1:15; 15:43–16:7*

The Big Idea: When Jesus died, nobody believed he was the Son of God, the Messiah, or the Savior of the world. There were no Christians because there was no Christ. The world had never been darker, and there had never been more fear. But the **Resurrection** changed all that!

The Bottom Line: The Resurrection was for you because God is for you.

Introduction:

We began this series on Easter, and Easter's message of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is more relevant to the modern world than ever before.

The events of Easter are relevant because they address our greatest fears, which are front and center.

We wonder if we're going to be all right. Is my family going to be all right? Does God know about this? Does he care? Does God hear my prayers?

Perhaps the only time in history the events of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ were more relevant was the first Easter.

Followers of Jesus look back. We have something to hang our hope on.

Tension:

But 2,000 ago, when Jesus died, ALL hope died with him.

When Jesus died, hope died.

When Jesus died, nobody believed he was the Son of God, Messiah, or Savior of the world.

There were no Christians because there was no Christ.

No one planned to keep the dream alive, and no one planned to keep the movement moving.

Truth

Read: John 6:66-69

Easter has never been more significant for us because we celebrate:

The Event

that launched

The Movement

that eventually produced

The Bible

If you get this out of order, it gets confusing, and your faith may become fragile.

The Bible did not create Christianity.

The resurrection of Jesus created Christianity.

Read: Mark 15:43-16:7.

Conclusion & Application:

***“The time has come! The KINGDOM OF GOD is near.
REPENT and BELIEVE the good news!”
-Mark 1:15***

God has done something **for you** because He is **for you**.

Next Steps

- Memorize Mark 1:15
- Pastor, today I received Jesus for the first time.

Pastor, today I rededicated my life to Jesus.

Discussion questions for group this week:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?