

Final Encounters?

PETER

Scriptures: Mark 16:1-8; John 21:

1. What is the most convincing argument for the Resurrection of Christ?
2. Why is the Resurrection of Christ so important to the Christian faith? (see 1 Cor. 15:12-20)
3. Read Mark 16:7. Why do you think that Peter got a special mention? Surely it was enough to say, “Now go and tell the disciples . . .” which would have included Peter, wouldn’t it? Who was behind Mark’s Gospel?
4. “... and Peter!” What might be the important contemporary message gained from these two words?
5. Do you think that Chuck Colson makes a valid point?

“I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Everyone was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world—and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.”

6. Steve said that he had all his eggs in one basket with reference to the Resurrection of Christ. What do you think he meant? Do you think his comment about those who had given testimony earlier in the service were talking nonsense if Christ had not risen, was a bit over the top?