

## **QUEST 52 – Chapter 49**

### **Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead**

**Week of December 7, 2025**

#### **KEY POINTS:**

- Jesus 's followers never venerated his tomb because it was empty.
- The accounts of the resurrection are neither fictional nor fabricated.
- Every key leader of the church was radically transformed by the Resurrection.
- The church itself requires a resurrection for Sunday worship, communion, baptism and the core of its original preaching.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- After reading the essay, consider this question: Have you considered the Resurrection the epicenter of your faith?
- Read Psalm 16. Research where verses 8-11 are quoted in the New Testament.
- Meditate on 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:14; 1 John 1:1-2.
- Discussion:
  - Share something that you believe only because you saw it.
  - What person in this story do you relate to most? Why?
  - What evidence for the resurrection of Jesus is most compelling to you?
  - Share a doubt that you have or have had about your faith. Now share why you might doubt that doubt.
- Make a short list of why you believe in the resurrection of Jesus. Share it with a pastor who can help sharpen it; then share it with a friend.