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## Sermon Text Discussion 4/1/18

“Why Believing in the Resurrection Isn’t Crazy” (Acts 26) by Drew Hunter

### Overview

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Paul’s speech in this chapter is that of a former skeptic talking to skeptics about the resurrection of Jesus. We see four things about the resurrection from Paul’s speech.

- 1) The resurrection is reasonable (Acts 26:6-8)
- 2) The resurrection is historical (Acts 26:25-27)
- 3) The resurrection is fulfilling (Acts 26:6-8)
  - a. It fulfills promises.
  - b. It fulfills our deepest longings.
- 4) The resurrection is personal (Acts 26:13, 18)

The resurrection shows us that Christ accomplished our salvation. Our response is simply to trust in him. In this way we see that the resurrection is not merely an event in the past. It is the work of a personal God who pursues us and opens our eyes.

### Quotations

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“My question—was the simplest of questions, lying in the soul of every man... a question without an answer to which one cannot live... ‘Is there any meaning in my life that the inevitable death awaiting me does not destroy?’” - Leo Tolstoy

“What, have we then nothing to do? No! nothing! But only accept of him.” – Martin Luther

“There came such a power over me as I cannot well describe; my great burden fell off in an instant; my heart was so filled with peace and love that I burst into tears... When I afterwards went into the street, I could hardly feel the ground I [walked] on” – William Holland, on reading Martin Luther’s quote above

### Understanding & Application

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- 1) Why do people today find it hard to believe that God can raise the dead? How might we help them be open to the possibility of him doing that?
- 2) What historical evidence for the resurrection do you find most compelling?
- 3) In what ways does the resurrection give meaning to our life?
- 4) As you look back on how you came to faith in Christ, where do you see indicators of God personally pursuing you and opening your eyes?
- 5) What would you change in your life if your faith in the resurrection grew?
- 6) Who is someone you especially long to see come to saving faith in the risen Christ?