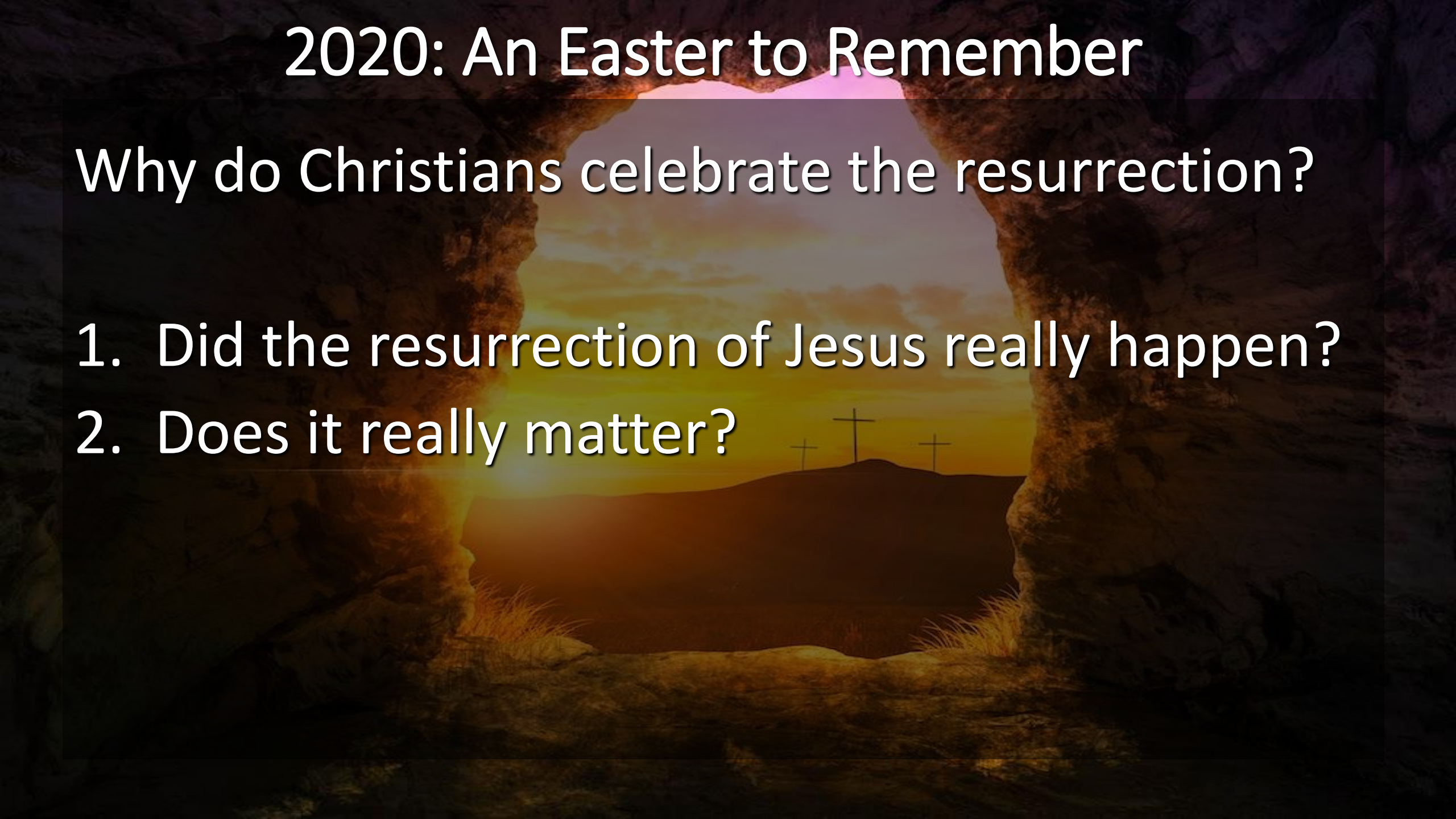




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Why do Christians celebrate the resurrection?

1. Did the resurrection of Jesus really happen?
2. Does it really matter?



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The foundation of the Christian faith is a single event in history . . . The resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:17

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

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John 20:19

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together and locked the doors of the place because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.

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Luke 24:1 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

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² But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

³ Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

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⁵ Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

⁶ "He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

⁷ "saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

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⁸ And they remembered His words.

⁹ Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles.

¹¹ And their words seemed to them nonsense, and they did not believe them.

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Acts 10:39-43 ³⁹ "We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross.

⁴⁰ "God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible,

⁴¹ not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

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42 "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

43 "Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

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“Nobody is free who is unforgiven.”

John Stott

Matthew 26:28 *for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

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John 20:19

*On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together and locked the doors of the place because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. **Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."***

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Acts 20:24

"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

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Why do Christians celebrate the resurrection?

1. The resurrection is the historical event which Christianity is based upon.
2. Some of the implications of the resurrection are: *Forgiveness of sins, Peace, freedom from fear, and an eternal purpose and power for living.*

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2 Corinthians 6:4-10 ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

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⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Continuing The Discussion

The background of the slide is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. In the distance, three crosses are visible on a hill, suggesting a cemetery or a place of religious significance. The scene is framed by the dark, rocky interior of a cave, with the light from the sun illuminating the cave's opening.

- **Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?**
- **Have you ever wondered if God could really forgive you?**
- **In Acts 10:42-43, Peter declared that Jesus is both the Judge of everyone who has ever lived, and is the one who will forgive all who believe in Him. Have you trusted Him?**