

# Dare to Dance Again

## *Life's Better When You Know the Moves*

*Here's a question for you. Is Christianity basically a philosophy that provides guidance for life? Is it a theology that outlines a belief system based on the Bible? Or is it an organized religion that provides comforting answers to life's most basic questions? That's a difficult question for most of us to answer because for all intents and purposes it looks like a little bit of all of those. Perhaps it's no wonder that churches, even in the same community, seem to be each dancing to a different drummer. If you don't know the dance moves, it's hard to keep the beat.*

Luke 24:36–48

1. Jesus went out of his way to prove that he was not a spirit, but \_\_\_\_\_.
2. If Christianity was primarily about what Jesus taught, we'd have a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The resurrection overcomes \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The resurrection overcomes \_\_\_\_\_ (and all that goes with it).
5. The resurrection overcomes \_\_\_\_\_.

### ***My Count Me In! Commitment***

- I'll be "here" next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- If you really believed in the power of the resurrection, what would you attempt?
- What are you going to do about it?

### **Additional Notes**

# Digging Deeper

Week of April 18, 2021

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**Scripture:** Luke 24:36–48

**Introduction:** The post-resurrected Jesus put an awfully lot of emphasis on his physical resurrection. “Look at my hands and feet.” “Touch my scars.” “Let’s eat together – ghosts don’t eat.” If the key to Christianity was the life philosophy that Jesus taught, it wouldn’t have made much difference if Jesus was physically resurrected or not – his teachings could have remained without all that fuss. But Jesus made sure his disciples know – the main thing was the power of the resurrection.

1. Read Luke 24:36–43. Do you think the “proofs” Jesus offered the boys in the upper room were convincing enough to show that he wasn’t a ghost? What would it take for you to be convinced that an apparition standing before you wasn’t, in fact, a ghost?
2. Why do you think Jesus was so insistent that they believe in a physical resurrection (rather than a spiritual one)?
3. Read 24:44-48. Why do you think their minds needed to be opened to understand the scriptures? What do you think it takes for our minds to be opened to the truth of scripture?
4. Dr. Bill said that Christianity is more than a philosophy and more than a theology. And yet, Jesus’ teachings are guides to life. What’s the difference between a philosophy, a theology, and a guide for life? (or is there a difference?)
5. What is the difference between assent ... belief ... trust ... and taking action? If you were the star of The Truman Show, how would the audience see that would convince them of your belief and trust in Jesus and his resurrection?
6. Jesus repeats the phrase “You are my witnesses” to the disciples several times during his last days walking with him. What do you think that phrase means? How does it apply to you?
7. Dr. Bill said that the resurrection was so important because of its power. Do you think that power is available to Christians today? If so, what are you going to do about it?