

Second Chances

“Jesus was a backwater peasant. He never wrote a book, he never held an office. He never journeyed more than two hundred miles from his hometown. Friends left him. One betrayed him. Those he helped forgot him. Prior to his death they abandoned him. But after his death they couldn’t resist him. What made the difference? His death and resurrection.” Max Lucado

The resurrection is more than a day to celebrate, it is a _____
_____ in history that has forever changed our world.

1 Corinthians 15:3–9

The death and resurrection of Jesus is a proven historical fact, but it must become a truth we embrace to experience its transforming power.

The Resurrection of Jesus means that second chances are not earned; they’re freely given.

1. God gives us _____ in our failures. Vs. 5
 - Grace means we get second, third, and fourth chances. God never gives up on us. We may give up on ourselves, but God doesn’t throw in the towel.
2. God gives us _____ for our doubts and unbelief. Vs. 7
 - God is faithful to meet us in our struggles of unbelief and will reveal His truth to us as we are open to believe.
3. God pursues _____ in our deception. Vs. 8
 - Deception can take us down the wrong road and lead us to wrong actions, but there is no road that is too far from God’s pursuit.

No matter where you are or what you have done, the great news of the resurrection is that there are second chances. God never gives up on us.

Answers: hinge point; grace; proof; us