

John Shelby Spong, in the book *The Easter Moment* compares Christ's Resurrection to a stone thrown into a pond. We can see big ripples of change coming out from the event, that point to its power and reality.



He is Risen:

Mark 16: 1-8

Matthew 28:1-10

Matthew 28:16-20

Luke 24: 1-12

Luke 24: 13-35

Luke 24: 36- 44

John 20: 1-18

John 20: 19-25

John 20: 26-29

John 21: 1-14

Acts 1: 3-11

Acts 9:1-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-9

1 Corinthians 15:3-9

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas,^[b] and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also...

Questions:

- There are many stories of the Resurrected Christ. Do you have one that is a favorite and what do you like about it? What in these stories do you notice? What puzzles or resonates?
- How was the resurrection a change event for the followers of Jesus?
- How does this great event inform, inspire or challenge the church today? What difference does the resurrection make in your faith, your life?