



# essentials

KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

## Christ's Resurrection & Ascension

Read the following verses:

1 Cor. 15:3-8; 20-24; Acts 10:39-41;  
Rom. 4:24-25; 1 Pet. 1:3

### EXAMINING THE TEXT

1. How do Romans 4:24-25 and 1 Peter 1:3 help us to understand the real significance of Christ's resurrection for us?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Some would say that God became a man, but after accomplishing redemption He put off humanity, so, now He is divine and no longer human. Does the Bible agree with this thought or not? Give verses to back-up your answer.
2. God appeared as a man in the Old Testament (Gen. 18:1-2; 32:24-30; Josh. 5:13-15). What is the difference between these Old Testament appearances and God incarnating?
3. In 1 Corinthians 15:47, Adam is called the first man and Jesus is called the second man. However, historically between these two men there are literally hundreds of millions of people. What does it mean for Jesus to be called the second man? What is the meaning of the term second man here?

### THE HEART OF THE MATTER

1. It is said, "Resurrection for the believer has already begun." Based upon Ephesians 2:1-6 and Colossians 2:12-13 what does this mean in our relationship, experience, and practice?
2. 1 Corinthians 15:49 tells us that as believers we not only bear the image of the man of dust (Adam), but we also bear the image of the man of heaven (Christ). This lets us know that there is a tension within us, pulling us toward either one of these men. Believers want to experience resurrection day-by-day. What do you find helps you to experience resurrection more in your daily life? What do you find that you need to avoid to keep you experiencing resurrection?