

Adult Study Guide for April 4, 2021
Series: *I am an Alien*; Message: *Resurrection in 3D*
1 Peter 1:3-12

Goal: To accept the gift of the resurrection of Christ as a past moment, a future event, and a present reality.

Key Verse: *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* – 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

1. Have you ever watched a movie in 3D? What changes when the two dimensions of a normal film are converted into three dimensions? What is the difference between watching a movie and experiencing the same event in real life?

2. Read the key verse above. Can you trace your acceptance of Christ to a single moment in time? What is your first memory of a time when you realized that the resurrection of Jesus had changed everything in your life? How does a new birth lead to a living hope?

3. Read the story Mary Magdalene at the tomb of Jesus in John 20:15-16. What happened when Jesus called Mary by her name? Read Isaiah 43:1 and Luke 19:10. How is accepting Christ similar to the experience of feeling lost and then being found? When was the last time that Christ felt real for you?

4. Read 1 Peter 1:4. In what way is salvation a future event? How does the promise of an inheritance in heaven help put everything else in perspective?

5. Read 1 Peter 1:9. In what way is the resurrection a present reality for you? How does our present reality help us to avoid the idea that our faith is only a “Golden Ticket Religion”? (Romans 8:11) What more does Jesus offer us in this life? (John 10:10)

6. Read Matthew 24:2, Matthew 12:6, and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. How does the concept of being a “temple” help you to understand the presence of God in your life? What difference does it make to know that Christ is living in you? How will the resurrection shape and reshape every aspect of your life?