



## Part 9: The Missing Body

### INTRODUCTION – Doing The Work Of Historians

The Prediction of Jesus...

Matthew 12:38-42; Mark 9:9-10; Luke 9:22

Understanding Language...

Understanding Culture...

### Invasion Of The Body Snatchers

Matthew 27:57-28:15;  
Mark 15:42-16:1-8;  
Luke 23:50-24:12;  
John 20:1-18

The First Day Of The Week...  
2 Corinthians 5:17

TAKE OUT: Through Jesus, all \_\_\_\_\_ is being renewed.

The Women Witnesses...

TAKE OUT: We must be culturally \_\_\_\_\_, but not culturally \_\_\_\_\_.

The Religious Cover-Up...

TAKE OUT: Religion thrives whenever \_\_\_\_\_ is sacrificed for \_\_\_\_\_.

The Empty Tomb – A Historical Necessity...

### CONCLUSION – The Value Of Our Physical Lives

The Jewish-Christian Doctrine of the Resurrection...

The Kingdom Christ preached is not a "spiritual" kingdom in the sense of being non-\_\_\_\_\_, but non-\_\_\_\_\_. It is not a personal, private, mystical Kingdom, but one that must see the ethics and ethos lived out in \_\_\_\_\_, loving community.

TAKE OUT: How are you \_\_\_\_\_ God's Kingdom?

### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

#### WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, convicted, or encouraged you.

#### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Let's investigate the relationship of history and faith. a) First discuss the implications of this quote by John Gilmore (professor at Spurgeon's School of Theology, London): "Christianity makes much of the credibility of its theology because it is rooted in history." b) How do Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15:1-19 support this concept? (Brainstorm a list.)

3. Read about the cryptic vision of bones in Ezekiel 37:1-14. a) What are your first thoughts after reading this passage? b) What message can we take away from verse 3 for those times when we don't have answers to questions we are asked? c) How do verses 4-6 reflect God's relational nature (that is, his desiring to live his life in partnership with his creation)? d) How is the concept of resurrection used here as a symbol of redemption, restoration, and return from exile for God's people? e) How does this passage then tie in to the symbolic significance of Jesus' resurrection?

#### SO WHAT?...

4. It seems that the resurrection of Jesus is, among other things, an indication of the freedom, redemption, and Spirit-filling that God wants to bring about for all of his people. a) Using this thought, and your thoughts generated in #3 d) & e) above, discuss how much and in what ways your life demonstrates the power of the resurrection at work in you. b) Is there anything you are too easily accepting in your life as "normal" that might be hindering your experience of a fuller spiritual life? Pray about this.