

1. What usually happened to crucified criminals?
2. How does the answer to question 1 raise problems for belief in Jesus’ resurrection?
3. Why was it difficult for archaeologists to find remains of crucifixion victims?
4. What is the evidence that Jesus was actually buried in a tomb?
5. What was discovered in the 1960s that provided further evidence that Jesus would have been buried in a tomb?
6. Who saw Jesus after his resurrection?
7. Why did these people struggle to recognise Jesus after his resurrection?
8. How does the answer to question 7 link to what Paul says in his letters about the nature of resurrection?
9. What might have been some rational explanations for Jesus’ body not being in the tomb on the Sunday morning after his death?

10. What did the resurrection mean for the disciples?

11. What was surprising, bearing in mind the answer to question 10, about what the

disciples did next? Why do you think they did this?

12. What happened to later convince them of the answer to question 10?

13. Why did Sunday become an important day after this event?

14. What did Peter and the disciples do next?

15. Who was this new religion a threat to and what did they do about this threat?

16. How did Saul’s religious experience transform the Christian movement?

17. How could Paul’s vision be disputed?

18. What were/are Jewish beliefs about the afterlife?

19. What did Paul say about resurrection?

20. What did this mean for the early martyrs of Christianity?

21. What happened to Paul?

22. What was the relationship between Peter and Mark? Why was this very significant?

23. What was the meaning of the miracle of the calming of the storm for the early

Christians facing persecution?

24. Why is Jesus’ resurrection important for Christians today? What does it suggest

about the relationship between God and Jesus?

**The Meaning of Jesus’ Resurrection.**

