**message**NOTES

# THE END OF THE beginning

EASTER 2012

**What will you do with Jesus?**
*Acts 17:32-34*

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➡ **Jesus desires for us to reach all people with the good news.**

**In response to the resurrected Jesus:**

1. Some people will sneer (32 a).

2. Some people delay (32b).

3. Some people believe (34).

# taking it home

{ notes for small group, family & personal study

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## 1 keeping it real

How many things do you believe without having actually seen the evidence? What makes you believe it anyway?

## 2 look at the book

Life consistently provides a river of evidence that proclaims, "Everyone dies." We have all witnessed this, but never have we seen an individual come back to life. How in the world can we expect anyone to believe that Jesus Christ actually rose from the dead? What basic truths must we accept to even consider the resurrection a possibility (Acts 26:8, 22-27)?

## 3

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead was not a topic limited to Easter celebrations years ago. It was the truth upon which the Church was established. What makes this truth so vital to what we believe? What becomes of the Church if Jesus did not rise from the dead?

- Acts 1:22; 2:22-24; 3:13-15; 4:1-10, 33; 5:27-32
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-19

## 4 the next step

Ask God to give you the opportunity to simply tell someone that you believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Our task is not to convince, but to bear witness to what we believe. What kind of responses can you expect from the ones to whom you speak? Is it worth the risk?

## my next step this week is to:

- ○ Read Acts 17 through, asking God to guide me to personal actions to take.
- ○ Change something in my life to help "all people" hear the good news of Jesus.
- ○ Do this: _____, to become a stronger follower of Jesus.
- ○ Other _____