



# LIGHT for the path

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Mark 16:6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here."

When judging whether someone has done something like committing a heinous crime, the jury must be convinced that the person was there at the time the crime happened. If the defendant can prove they were somewhere else completely, and this is verified by reliable eyewitnesses, they are unlikely to be convicted of that crime. They will be deemed innocent, truth tellers. Any good jury examines the evidence in pursuit of truth. It's a bit like that with the resurrection of Jesus. If it can be proven that Jesus was not in the tomb after three days, then...

## **He is a truth teller**

Jesus claimed on several occasions that he would die and rise again.\* He also verifies his own testimony made to Pilate at his trial, that he came to bear witness to the truth. The truth about himself and God.

## **He was innocent**

The sinless Son of God, who he claimed to be. Death could not hold him because the sins he died for were yours and mine, not his own.\*\*

## **He has the power to deliver**

When Jesus promised you and I eternal life when we receive him as Lord and Saviour, we can be convinced that He has the power to deliver.

\*Mat 16:21, 17:22-23, 20:18-19, Mk 8:31, 9:31, 10:33-34, Lk 9:22, 18:31-33, Jn 2:19-21, 10:17-18

\*\*2 Cor 5:21, Heb 4:15, 1 John 3:5





I am convinced that Jesus is alive because of the resulting transformation in the lives of those who were eyewitnesses. This resurrection power was not just evident in Bible times, but right throughout history as millions of people, including myself, have experienced Jesus in transformative life changing ways.

So, like any good crime investigation, take another look at this resurrection cold case, review the evidence for yourself, and decide what Jesus' perfect and divine innocence, and resurrection means for you.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"





# MEET Nigel

Nigel Winder pictured with the  
Children & Families team

I am so grateful to SUNZ for the opportunities it has provided me to serve God and to grow my faith. As a teenager I joined the SU beach missions at Riverton. There with the team, wearing fluorescent sunhats and completely out of my comfort zone, performing Bible songs with actions in the public sound shell at the local carnival. At short notice, I had to do the Bible talk at the parents' night at the end of the 8-day programme. Somehow this led to becoming the team leader, training other teams, joining local SUNZ committees & Council, and then 19 years ago joining the staff at SUNZ as the Regional Director, later adding the Children and Families Consultant role. I love sharing the Good News about Jesus with children and young people. I love helping others, and churches do the same. I love SUNZ's focus and intent to help make lifelong disciples, and I love its core values of doing so through opening the Bible and prayer. I love camps and the intentional communities they create, and I love working with other creative and passionate people who are SUNZ volunteers and staff. And I love that God invites me to be part of his mission including the ongoing work that he is doing in me.