

What If There Were No Resurrections?

1 Corinthians 15:12-26

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And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. ⁴⁰ Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, ⁴¹ not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. Acts 10:39-41.

What the gospel is (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

- Jesus died for us and was buried
- Jesus rose for us and was seen

What the gospel does (1 Corinthians 15:1-2)

- If we receive it we have acceptance
- If we believe it we have salvation

If there is no resurrection of the dead: verses 12-19

- (1) Christ would be **lifeless** (verse 13)
- (2) Our message would be **meaningless** (verse 14)
- (3) Faith would be **worthless** (verse 14)
- (4) Preachers would be **useless** (verse 15)
- (5) Mankind would be **hopeless** (verse 17)
- (6) Death would be **endless** (verse 18)
- (7) Our piteous life would be **pointless** (verse 19)

But **the dead do rise**: verse 20-26

Jesus is the first fruit of the **full resurrection** (verses 20, 23)

Jesus is the final answer to our **fatal flaw** (verses 21-22)

Jesus is the faithful victor over our **fearful enemy** (verses 23-26)

How important is the resurrection of Jesus?

...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10