

Resurrection Sunday 2024

OUTLINE

Paul's thesis in vv1-2: Christ's physical resurrection is part & parcel of the good news of salvation. To deny it is to have believed for nothing. Without it, we have no hope. We are not saved. We are still in our sins.

1A HISTORICAL FACT, vv3-11

The historical fact of Christ's resurrection

1B Prophetic Scriptures fulfilled, vv3-4

2B Attested to by many eyewitnesses, vv5-11

2A ILLOGICAL DENIERS, vv12-19

The illogical deniers of physical resurrection

1B If so, even Christ is still dead & buried, vv12-15

2B Thus, we are still miserably & hopelessly in our sins, vv16-19

3A ULTIMATE DESIGN, vv20-34

The ultimate design of Christ's resurrection

1B Christ the firstfruits – Prototype of all who follow, vv20-23

2B Christ the mighty ruler – reigns until all opposition to God is put down, vv24-26

3B Christ the humble mediator – subjects all things to the Father, vv27-28

4B Christ the living hope of the dying, vv29-34

4A POWERFUL AGENT, vv35-58

The powerful agent of physical resurrection

1B God does it – according to His sovereign design & will, vv35-41

2B God teaches it – as a lesson of *distinctions*, vv42-49

3B God will reveal it – at the Second Coming of Christ, vv50-57

THEREFORE: Don't just live for today. *Live in light of the Judgment Seat of Christ!* Let us abound in our labor for the Lord & continue to stand firm in the hope of our physical resurrection when He returns from heaven. May our faith in Him and what He has done for us never be moved away from Him - by today's deceivers in the churches & in culture. Our reward in the Lord Jesus Christ is *incorruptible!* God has ordained it. **v58.**