



“HE WAS RAISED”



1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

IT IS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

- The gospel starts with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. The message of salvation, therefore, contains more than just Jesus' goodness, wisdom, or charity – there is an essential supernatural component.
- The hundreds of witnesses, as well as the testimony of scripture, give great validity to the claims of Jesus. Even though He was a “nobody” from Galilee, He changed the world and paved the way for victory over death.



1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19

IT EITHER BRINGS PURPOSE OR FUTILITY

- You cannot have it both ways: either everybody can be raised or nobody can be raised. If Jesus was not raised from the dead, then we are in a hopeless condition. But His resurrection guarantees that victory is available to all.
- What is the point of Christianity without the resurrection? Did we at least “live a good life”? Was it better than the alternative? Absolutely not! We are the most pathetic people ever if we have hoped for eternal life!



1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28

HE DEFEATED THE LAST ENEMY

- The “first fruits” represents the entire harvest to be enjoyed (Leviticus 23:9-11). As Christ was risen, so shall we in due time.
- Remember that death is an enemy, and it needs to be abolished. It is the main feature of a fallen, broken world; the first and foremost result of sin.
- By conquering death, Jesus paved the way for the rest of us to join Him.

