

The Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15

Introduction: The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves that Christianity is true and all other religions are false.

John 14:6; 8:24

Key Truth: *If the resurrection of Jesus Christ happened then nothing in your life is more important than following Him.*

1 Corinthians 15:14, 17-19

Everything in the Christian faith collapses if Jesus did not resurrect.

Romans 1:4

I. Evidences for the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

A. Early Creeds

Philippians 2:6-11; Colossians 1:15-20

The fact this creed is so early casts serious doubt on the resurrection being a myth or legend.

B. Martyrdom of Early Believers

Peter was crucified; Paul was beheaded.

“Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired.” - Tacitus

“I believe those witnesses that get their throats cut.” - Pascal

C. Explosion of a New Worldview

No group of Jews up to this point in history ever worshipped a human being as God.

II. Implications of the Resurrection

A. Everything Jesus Claimed is True

Mark 7:21-23; Matthew 7:13-14

B. Christians are Enabled to Live Victoriously over the Power of Sin

Philippians 3:4-11; Romans 6; 7:4; Ephesians 1:20

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is now at work in us who believe; and Paul longed to know that power more and more in his experience.

C. Non-Christians Must Repent and Believe

Matthew 7:13-14

You can discern which path you are on by answering a simple question: are you trusting in Christ alone for salvation and are you striving to obey Him in your life?

John 8:31; 15:8; Mark 1:15

Since the resurrection of Jesus Christ happened nothing in your life is more important than following Him.