**The Resurrection- true and transforming!**

1 Cor. 15 14-15 17-19

**If Jesus did not rise from the dead…**

1) Our faith is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

2) Christian faith is a **\_\_\_\_\_\_**

3) We’ve been **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** lies

4) We are still in our **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

5) Christian loved ones, are **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**… nor will we be

6) If only for this life we have hope…we are to be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The entire Christian Faith hinges on the Resurrection of Jesus

**False Theories to explain away Resurrection:**

**1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Body Theory (Matthew 28:13)**

\*Presupposes disciples believed Jesus would be raised from the dead.

\*doesn’t solve appearances-- see list below

\*doesn’t make sense:

i) how would guards know it was the *disciples*:

ii) there would be execution for sleeping on job

iii) why no charges against Disciples

\*why would disciples die (as martyrs) for something they didn’t believe

**2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Theory: resuscitation**

\*grave clothes left behind, large boulder blocking door, soldiers at entrance, no food or water for three days

3**) Wrong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Theory**:

\*eyewitness accounts and appearances after being in cemetery

**4) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ /Hallucination theory**

-appearance to 500+ people (1 Cor. 15:6) psychologically not possible

-Hallucinations are limited to certain times and places:

**Jesus was seen at all times and in all places**

vv. 45-58

**Adam Jesus**

The first man (1 Cor. 15:45) The last Adam (1 Cor 15:45)

Was made a living being Gives life to beings ( John 5:21, 25, 6:33

Desired to be like God God, who became man

Natural (physical) Spiritual

Origin: of the earth (v. 47) Origin (always was) from heaven v. 47

Humanity reflects Adam v. 49 Redeemed humanity reflect Jesus v. 49

Blamed his bride Took blame for His Bride

Hid from God Stepped forward on our behalf

Dead in Adam (v. 22) Alive in Christ v. 22)

one sinful act with **terrible** consequences: one redemptive act with **great** consequences:

**Death** (Romans 5:12, 14, 15 **Life** Romans 5:15, 18, 21

**Judgment** Romans 5:16, 18 **Justification** Romans 5:16

**Condemnation** Romans 5:16, 18 **Righteousness** Romans 5:17, 19, 21

In Adam, all died. In Christ, all who *Believe* will be made alive!

**Alive…Saved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_…**

**Death; Permanent, Eternal separation from God,**

**God’s justice on sinners.**

50What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

**Saved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ saved to serve God’s purposes:**

2 Cor 5:18And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us **this task of reconciling people to him**.

1 Cor 15:58So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

**What we do for Jesus, MATTERS!**

**Live without Jesus in *this* life, means we are also choosing to live without Him in *the life to come***

*What will* ***you*** *do with this Resurrected Jesus?*

**Jesus' Post Resurrection Appearances**  
To Mary Magdalene Jn 20:14-18; Mk 16:9  
To the women returning from the tomb Mt 28:8-10  
To Peter later in the day Lk 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5  
To the disciples going to Emmaus in the evening Lk 24:13-31  
To the apostles (except Thomas) Lk 24:36-45; Jn 20-19-24  
To the apostles a week later (Thomas present) Jn 20:24-29  
In Galilee to the seven by the Lake of Tiberias Jn 21:1-23  
In Galilee on a mountain to the apostles and 500 believers 1 Cor 15:6  
At Jerusalem and Bethany again to James 1 Cor 15:7   
At Olivet and the ascension Acts 1:3-12  
To Paul near Damascus Acts 9:3-6; 1 Cor 15:8  
To Stephen outside Jerusalem Acts 7:55  
To Paul in the temple Acts 22:17-21; 23:11  
To John on Patmos Rev 1:10-19



How does our present suffering help us to appreciate the Resurrection?

How did Paul refute the Corinthians’ denial of the resurrection (15:12)?

Why is belief in the bodily resurrection of Jesus so central to the Gospel?

What did Paul mean by describing Jesus as the ‘firstfruits’ of the resurrection? (v. 23)

What can we learn about the nature of the Believer’s resurrection Body?

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