

1 Corinthians 15¹⁻¹⁹

Why do we believe in the resurrection?

Easter Sunday morning: 16 April 2006
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Children's talk: What did the disciples find on Easter Sunday morning?

Introduction

What is the resurrection?

Matt 27⁵²

1. Because it is true

The fact of the prior prediction

John 2¹⁸⁻²²

The fact of the empty tomb

Luke 24¹⁻³

The fact of the layout of the linen

John 20⁶⁻⁸

The fact of the angel's announcement

Luke 24⁴⁻⁷

The fact of the appearance to the apostles

John 20¹⁹⁻²⁰

The fact of the doubting disciple

John 20²⁴⁻²⁹

The fact of the 500 witnesses

1 Cor 15⁵⁻⁶

The fact of the written record

1 Cor 15⁶

The fact of the transformed testimonies

Acts 4³³

The fact of the sacredness of Sunday

John 20^{19,26}

2. Because it is vital

If Christ is not risen: Our preaching is prevarication

1 Cor 15¹⁵

Our faith is futile

1 Cor 15¹⁷

Our sin is still on us

1 Cor 15¹⁷

Our position is pitiable

1 Cor 15¹⁹

Since Christ is risen: Our preaching is profound

Rom 6⁴⁻⁵

Our faith is factual

Acts 1³

Our sin-debt is satisfied

Rom 4²⁵

Our position is powerful

Phil 3⁸⁻¹¹

Conclusion

What are you missing out on?



Questions answered



How do some people interpret the "resurrection" of Christ?
What does the Bible say?



How does the presence of linen in the tomb validate the resurrection?



In what way do Thomas's doubts actually enhance the evidence for the resurrection?



How do the lives of the disciples validate the resurrection?



What is a common feature of every one of the sermons recorded in Acts?



How does the change in the Christian sabbath from the last day of the week to the first day of the week validate the resurrection?



Why is the resurrection so important to Christianity?
What would be the consequences if Christ had not risen from the dead?



What does the resurrection of Christ do for us when we are plagued with doubts concerning the strength of our own faith?



What does the resurrection prove concerning the believers status with God?



What does it mean to know the power of the resurrection in our lives today?



Things to pray about



Praise God that Jesus Christ has risen in triumph.



Thank God for the abundant evidence He has given to confirm the resurrection, and pray for courage to live in its light and power.



Pray for those who do not believe, especially those in churches who should know better, and who lead people astray.



Search the Scriptures



Search the book of Acts for all the sermons it contains. In what ways does the doctrine of the resurrection feature in them all?
What are the implications for our teaching?