

**“The Truth & Proof of The Resurrection”**  
**1 Corinthians 15:3-8**  
**Easter Morning Services April 9, 2023**

**Our Glorious Savior Has Risen: *This Truth Was Prophesied 700 Years Prior To Its Occurrence!* (Isaiah 53)**

***This Truth Was Witnessed By Over 500 People Spanning 40 Days!* (1 Corinthians 15)**

***This Truth Was Documented In Over 5500 Carefully Kept Manuscripts.***

**This Morning We Are Celebrating This Truth!**

Job asks this question in **Job 14:14** "If a man dies, will he live again?"

**For the “Genuine Believer” the only reliable source for truth and life is the Bible! John 17:17**

The Book of **1 Corinthians** confronts **Disorder in the Church**. The believers had **strayed from Doctrine, (God’s Truth)**. **1 Corinthians 15:12**

There were some in the church that needed further clarification on “**The Doctrine of the Resurrection!**”

**1 Corinthians 15 is often called “The Hope Chapter” A chapter dedicated entirely to the subject of the Resurrection.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

**The Thought Of The Passage:** The Resurrection Is The Heart Of The Gospel Message, Which Is Proven By Indisputable Evidence.

- 1. Verses 3-4 The Resurrection Is The Gospel Truth**
- 2. Verses 5-8 The Resurrection Is Indisputable Truth**

**1. Verses 3-4 The Resurrection Is The Gospel Truth:**

**1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received,** The Context is Paul has just covered **1 Corinthians 12-14** on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Paul now confronts the confusion and lack of instruction regarding the “Resurrection” which is the central message of the church.

Paul now prioritizes all that he has been saying and now focuses on the single most important message. **1 Corinthians 15:1-2**

**For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received,**  
Paul never deviated from the Gospel Message delivered to Him.

**Acts 18:1-18**

**Galatians 1:11-12**

**The Message of Hope has three parts to it:**

**Part #1 Jesus Died For Our Sins; that Christ died (Actual) for our sins** That there is no salvation apart from the sacrifice through the death of Jesus

**for our sins (Vicarious Suffering)** *"is the act of allowing oneself to go thru suffering for the sake of others"* and **Substitutionary Death** Jesus died in our place.

Every person is a sinner in need of salvation. **Romans 3:10, 23;**  
**Romans 6:23**

**"His death released His life to us and its transmission is by the act of faith!"**

**died, death** – *"not the cessation from existence but separation of the soul and spirit from the body."*

**according to the Scriptures, (Scriptural)** There are many Scriptures that speak of the sacrifice and death of Jesus.

**The death of Jesus was by the determined plan of God.**

**Psalm 16:10; Psalm 22:15; Isaiah 53:8; John 19:30, 33-37**

**1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust,**

**Part #2 Jesus Was Buried; 1 Corinthians 15:4 and that He was buried, (Burial)** This was the evidence that Jesus was truly dead in that He was placed in a tomb for 3 days.

**The death and burial of Jesus is not the complete Gospel message! (If this is the message than Jesus is a dead Savior!)**

**Part #3 Jesus Was Resurrected; 1 Corinthians 15:4 and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, (Resurrection)**

**Resurrection** – *"The act of rising from the dead, to rise again, to live again"* Not living again in another body, or spiritually living but a physical re-turning back to the body.

**Jonah 1:17; Matthew 12:40**

## **2. Verses 5-8 The Resurrection Is Indisputable Truth:**

**1 Corinthians 15:5 He appeared (He was seen)** This phrase is used **four times**.

**Appeared To An Individual - Cephas**, This is another name for Peter.  
**Mark 16:7**

**Luke 24:34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon."**

**Appeared To A Small Group - then to the twelve** Jesus met them again in the upper room. **John 20:19**

**1 Corinthians 15:6**

**Appeared To A Large Assembly - After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time**, when was this? Jesus had said prior to his death that He would go to Galilee **Matthew 26:32**

**most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;** Paul was writing to those that knew this as fact it had been 25 years ago.

**1 Corinthians 15:7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;**

**Appeared To An Individual - then He appeared to James**, this was the brother of Jesus who later on wrote the book of James.

**Appeared To A Small Group - then to all the apostles;** We know in **Acts 1:6-11** the apostles witness the ascension of Jesus into heaven.

**1 Corinthians 15:8 and last of all** This is the *greatest of all proofs*.

**He appeared to me also.** Paul saw the resurrected Savior at his conversion on the road to Damascus. **Acts 9:3-6 Saul did not remain Saul but became Paul!**

## **6 Proofs Of The Resurrection:**

- 1. The Proof Of The Resurrection Is The Appearances Of Jesus To His Followers:**
- 2. The Proof Of The Resurrection Was That The Disciples Did Not Believe In His Resurrection:**

**3. The Proof Of The Changed Lives Of The Disciples:**

**4. The Proof Of The Existence Of The Church:** The Resurrection Was The Central Message Of The Early Church: **(Acts 4:33; 5:30-32; Romans 5:21)**

**5. The Proof Of The Resurrection Is Jesus Predicted His Own Resurrection: (Matthew 16:21; Mark 9:9-10; John 2:18-22) The Old Testament Foretold It: (Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:25-31; 13:33-37)**

**6. The Proof Of The Empty Tomb And The Grave Clothes: (John 20:3-9)**

**Application:** What Is My Response To The Message Of Resurrection Of Jesus?

**1. Have I Received The Good News Of The Forgiveness Of My Sin? Acts 10:43**

**2. Have I Received The Good News That The God Of The Resurrection Dwells In Me? Romans 8:11**

**3. Have I Received The Good News That I No Longer Need To Fear Death Because Jesus Conquered It? Revelation 1:17-18**