

# EASTER

WHAT WAS THIS  
ALL ABOUT?



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What was the resurrection of Jesus all about?

**When Jesus arose, so did your hope.**

**The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the indispensable evidence of the sacred value of His death on the cross.**

**His resurrection proved that His death on the cross worked!**

(See Matthew 16:1-4)

## A. A Brief Teaching of the Resurrection

Paul answers five questions about the resurrection in 1 Cor. 15:

### 1. Are the Dead Raised? **Yes!**

1 Corinthians 15:3–4, NLT -<sup>3</sup> I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>4</sup> He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

### 2. How Can the Dead be Raised? **Jesus does this!**

1 Corinthians 15:20–21, NLT -<sup>20</sup> But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. <sup>21</sup> So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man.

### 3. Why are the Dead Raised? **We need new bodies!**

1 Corinthians 15:50–52, NLT -<sup>50</sup> What 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. <sup>51</sup> But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed!

### 4. When are the Dead Raised? **At the rapture!**

<sup>52</sup> It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.

### 5. What do we do until we are raised? **Keep the faith!**

1 Corinthians 15:54–58, NLT -<sup>54</sup> Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY. O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" <sup>56</sup> For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. <sup>57</sup> But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> So, 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.

## B. The Resurrection Changes Everything

1. If the tomb is empty (and it is), anything is possible.
2. If you name Christ as Lord, you, too, will rise again.
3. You don't have to live with \_\_\_\_\_.
4. You can live with God's power in you right now.
5. Your purpose in this life is in direct relationship with your relationship with Christ right now.
6. Our pending resurrection (hope) signals the end of all suffering—**forever!**

**On Palm Sunday, Jesus is rightfully presented as the promised Messiah—the promised Deliver.**

**On Good Friday, when He died, your sins died with Him.**

**On Easter, when Jesus arose, so did your hope.**