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## Christ Has Risen From the Dead!

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

- 1) Irrefutable Evidences for Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the Dead
  - a) Testimony of the Early Church (1-2)
    - i) Audience received the gospel and stood on it
    - ii) Audience was saved by the gospel
      - (1) Salvation to those who truly stood firmly in their faith
      - (2) No salvation for those whose faith failed
  - b) Testimony of Scripture (3-4)
    - i) Claims that Christ died (Psalms 16, 22; Isa. 53:4-10)
    - ii) Attests that Christ was buried (Matt. 12:38-41)
    - iii) Proclaims that Christ was raised from the dead (Isa. 53:10)
  - c) Testimony of the Eyewitnesses about Christ (5-10)
    - i) He appeared alive to Cephas (Peter)
    - ii) He appeared alive to the Twelve
    - iii) He appeared to the 500
    - iv) He appeared to James
    - v) He appeared to all the other apostles
    - vi) He appeared to Paul
  - d) Testimony of a Common Message (11)
- 2) Irrefutable Conclusions about Jesus Christ
  - a) He died on a cross, His death certificate signed
  - b) His tomb was empty three days after He died
  - c) The disciples believed they saw and spoke to the resurrected Christ
  - d) His previously unbelieving brother James came to faith
  - e) Saul of Tarsus, His staunchest opponent, came to faith
- 3) What the Resurrection Means
  - a) Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ—Lord, God, & Savior
  - b) God is a God of love and forgiveness
  - c) Through faith in Christ, God forgives *all* our sins
  - d) Even the worst of sinners, skeptics, and murderers can be saved

