



The Risen Christ - 1 Corinthians 15:1-34

1. What are some reasons you can think of that would explain why we often forget about the resurrection in our gospel presentations?
2. In 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 we see that Paul makes several logical inferences. Several "if, then" statements. What is Paul's conclusion if Christ did not rise from the dead? What would this mean for our lives?
3. Seeing as the resurrection of Jesus is arguably the most known, criticized, and studied event in all of human history, it would be wise for us to be able to defend it. Why did Paul feel the need to defend the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:3-11? Does this encourage you to defend the resurrection?
4. In 1 Corinthians 15:9-10, Paul takes a moment to defend his hard work for the Gospel. What does hard work for the gospel look like to you? Would you consider yourself a hard worker for the Gospel? If you don't consider yourself a hard worker for the Gospel, what changes do you need to make to get there?
5. In 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul refers to Jesus as the "firstfruits" of the resurrection. Another way of saying this is that Jesus is our "entrance fee" into the resurrection. When you hear this, how does it make you picture what Jesus did at the resurrection? How does it put into place your understanding of how he has paved the way for our resurrection?
6. Often, when we think of resurrection, we think of something in the future and not something that can take place in the here and now. How do we live the resurrected life now? How do we demonstrate that we not only died with Christ but we were raised to newness of life?