

1 Corinthians 15:5-11

Historical Proof of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ESV –

1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

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3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

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8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

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10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Big Picture

1. The Gospel is the answer.
2. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God and love others more than ourselves.

The Problem

" All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

God is perfect and holy, and our sins separate us from God forever. The Bible says "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

The Solution

"God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" ([Romans 5:8](#)).

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not die, but have eternal life" ([John 3:16](#)).

The Solution

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except by Me" (John 14:6).

In Our Text

- Peter saw Him and so did all of the disciples.
- Jesus was seen by over 500 believers at once
- Jesus appeared to His brother James
- Jesus appeared to all the apostles multiple times
- Jesus appeared lastly to Paul

Not In Our Text

- Jesus also appeared to multiple women
- Many were raised to life! (Matthew 27:50-53)

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Cephas: Aramaic name for Peter (Galatians 2:8-9)

The Twelve: Matthias (Acts 1:21)?

Meeting with the group (Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-25).

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Over Five Hundred : Matthew 28:10 and 28:16-17?

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James: brother of Jesus (Gal 1:19),

leader of the church in Jerusalem (Acts 12:17, 15:13,
21:18, Gal 2:9,12)

Hostile to Him and His mission (John 7:3-5).

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Among the followers of Jesus (Acts 1:14)

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untimely: Dramatic birth

He appeared to me also: Acts 9

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least:

Grace lived out produces humility

(2 Corinthians 12:9-11)

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Grace and gumption: (2 Corinthians 6:1-10)

Fellow workers: (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Philippians 2:12-18 NASB95 - 12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

v 11

Preach and Believe:

John 17:3 NKJV - "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)