



**Sermon Series:** Resurrection: The Future of Every Follower of Jesus, Part 2

**Sermon Title:** This Changes Everything

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### 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

The resurrection of Jesus impacts literally everything.

**BIG IDEA:** The Resurrection of Jesus is the Ultimate Game Changer for Your Life

We will explore 4 fundamental TRUTHS that exist because of the resurrection

#### 1. Jesus resurrection authenticates His ministry

##### 1 Corinthians 15:12-16

The Corinthians believed in the resurrection of Jesus, but what some of them were saying is that there will be no resurrection for the followers of Jesus. Paul says "*For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.*" Why? Because Jesus was a man. Yes, Jesus is God, but He is also man. Jesus is one person with 2 natures – one nature is 100% God and one nature is 100% man and Paul explains that if men are not raised then Jesus- being a man also is not raised.

Christianity rises or falls on whether or not Jesus was resurrected. According to Jesus, in Matthew 16:1–4, His resurrection was the “sign from heaven” that authenticated His ministry. Jesus validated his claims and His authority when He rose from the dead.

The resurrection is witnesses to the immense power of God Himself.

**Romans 1:4**

#### 2. Jesus' resurrection offers you the gift of forgiveness

##### 1 Corinthians 15:16-20

Paul is building on the logical case for the Jesus resurrection by pointing out that if Jesus Christ is not resurrected, then our faith is useless, and the intended purpose for His sacrifice has failed.

**But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead ...**

Jesus demonstrated his power over darkness conquering sin and death on the cross, and rising again. His death and resurrection provided a way for us to be forgiven once and for all. **Colossians 2:13**

### 3. The resurrection offers hope for your future

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

The first fruits were the first of the plants that actually bloomed and produced fruit or grain. In Leviticus 23:10 the Israelites are told to bring the first fruits to God as an offering, and the festival of firstfruits. Whatever the character of the first fruit was would represent the character of the rest.

Paul uses the word dead here to affirm and emphasize that Jesus actually died, but he describes believers who have died as “fallen asleep” encouraging believers that they will rise again. For followers of Christ, death is not the end. **John 5:24, 1 Corinthians 15:52**

### 4. Jesus resurrection Impacts your daily actions

**1 Corinthians 15:29-34**

Paul is saying that if Jesus didn't rise from the dead then we are all wasting our time spreading the gospel. But Christ did rise – and because of that, if you have accepted Jesus as your savior and put your trust in Him, then the bible says you are a new creation. You have the Holy Spirit in you and you are called to display the fruit of the spirit, to resist temptation and to live honestly, to be and act different - to be sent into the world but not of the world.

**In 1 Corinthians 15:33-34** Paul is telling them to be aware of false teachings, and be aware of who they hang around because Paul knows that who you listen to will most likely direct your beliefs.

So do not be misled- be encouraged! Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!

**Matthew 28:5-6, Romans 8:11, Romans 10:9, 1 Thessalonians 4:14**

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## Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- The Corinthian church brought in some of the beliefs from their culture. Describe them.
- In What ways has modern day society influenced the church? Are there similarities between the Corinthian church and modern religion?
- What interests you the most about the resurrection? What challenges you the most?
- How often do you think about our future resurrection and does it influence your life in any way?
- If Jesus did not rise from the dead would that negate His sacrifice?

## BIBLE VERSES

**1 Corinthians 15:12-16 NIV** <sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

**John 11:25** “I am the resurrection and the life”

**Romans 1:4 NLT** He was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

**1 Corinthians 15:16-20 NIV** <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Colossians 2:13 NLT** <sup>13</sup> You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23 NIV** <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

**Acts 5:31** <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

**John 5:24 ESV** <sup>24</sup> “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”

**1 Corinthians 15:52** <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

**1 Corinthians 15:29-34 NIV** <sup>29</sup> Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? <sup>30</sup> And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? <sup>31</sup> I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>32</sup> If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised,

“Let us eat and drink,  
for tomorrow we die.”

<sup>33</sup> Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”<sup>1</sup> <sup>34</sup> Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning;

**Matthew 28:5-6 NIV** <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

**Romans 8:11 NIV** <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of <sup>a</sup> his Spirit who lives in you.

**Romans 10:9 NIV** <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**1 Thessalonians 4:14 NIV** <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.