

Easter at Crossgates 2026

The Reality of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

1 Corinthians 15:20a (ESV)

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THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST IS A FACT

1 Corinthians 15:20 (ESV)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

JESUS WAS THE FIRST TO EXPERIENCE A FULLY RESURRECTED BODY

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 (ESV)

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

JESUS DEFEATED DEATH FOR EVERYONE SO THAT ANYONE COULD BE MADE ALIVE...FOREVER

2 Corinthians 5:8 (NASB)

...but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:23 (ESV)

But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NASB)

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest of mankind do, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead, so also God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. ¹⁵ For we say this to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

JESUS' RESURRECTION PROMISES OUR RESURRECTION

Acts 24:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ ...having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.

John 5:25-29 (ESV)

²⁵ "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute

judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR RESURRECTION?

1 Corinthians 15:24-26 (ESV)

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.