

HIStory: Seeing God's Plan in the Bible

Creation → Sin → Flood → Promise → Jesus → Eternity

* God (creation) Adam and Eve, Noah (sin), Abraham, Moses, 10 Commandments, tabernacle, prophesies about Jesus → Jesus on Earth

A. What would our hope be if Jesus had not risen?

- I Corinthians 15:13-19

- * We would be wasting our time (v.14)
- * We would be liars (v.15)
- * We would still be lost in sin (v.17)
- * We would be among the most pitiful people in the world! (v.19)

B. Appearances of Jesus after He rose from the dead. (Timeline on back)

-1 Corinthians 15:3-8

C. What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?

- John 10:18 - His resurrection proved all of His claims and teachings to be true.

- Romans 4:25 - "Justification" – to be declared free from guilt, acquittal

- I Corinthians 15:55-57 – Jesus defeated death (sin's consequence) once and for all.

- * We can have confidence that when we believe in what Jesus did for us, He will deliver what He promises.
- * We can also live confidently for Him, knowing He is alive, and He is our Savior

About Jesus: Jesus' resurrection from death gives proof that all His claims were true.

Big Picture: The focus of all Scripture to this point is Jesus' purpose for coming to earth

- The purpose for God giving us the Bible is to show His plan of redemption and hope for a sinful world
- Moving forward in the New Testament, the Bible teaches about living for Him and the future of mankind

Application: Jesus' resurrection has impact on all of our lives, whether we believe it or not!

- To not believe is a choice not to accept the gift of justification that Jesus offers.
- To accept His gift and believe He is alive should give both confidence (I Corinthians 15:58) and motivation (2 Corinthians 5:14) to live for Him.
- Both choices have eternal consequences for our lives that we will look at in a future week.

Timeline of the Post-Resurrection Appearances

