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- Worse, if Christ is not risen, then we are found false witnesses of God.
- Worse yet, if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!
- Worse still, if Christ is not risen, those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.
- Worst of all, if Christ is not risen, then in this life only we have hope in Christ.



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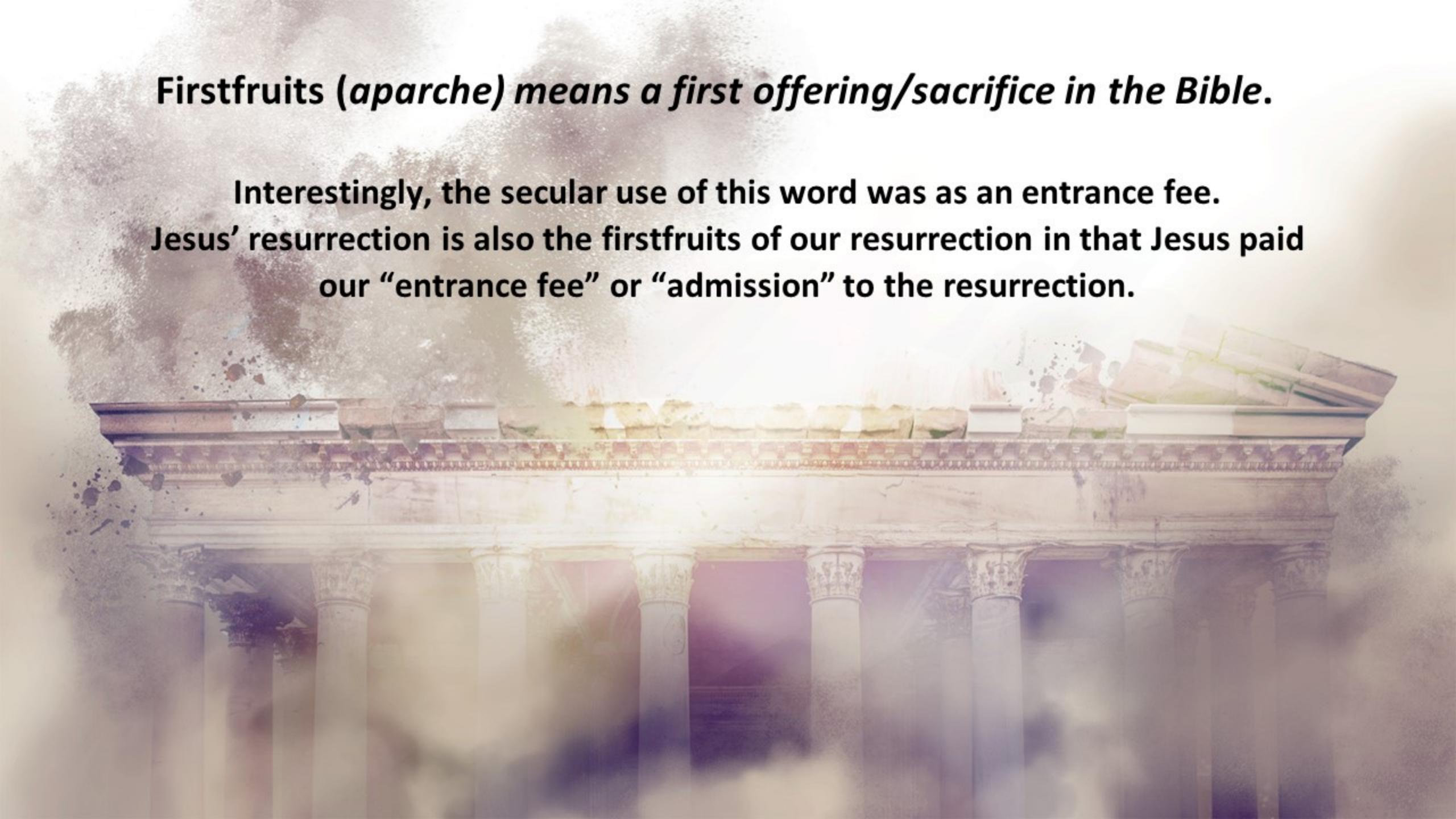


Firstfruits (aparche) means a first offering/sacrifice in the Bible.

The Feast of Firstfruits was observed on the day after the Sabbath following Passover.

This means that the exact day that Jesus rose from the dead was on the day of the Feast of Firstfruits.





"For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ." Romans 5:17



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- 3. At the end, the resurrected Jesus will <u>restore all things</u> and put them under God the Father.