

Believe In The Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Big Idea: *“The death and resurrection of Jesus has life changing implications for all who believe”*

1. WHY BELIEVE THE RESURRECTION

- Jesus resurrection was predicted (1 Cor. 15:4)
- Jesus resurrection was promised (Mk. 8:31)
- Jesus death and burial was public (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
- Jesus tomb was empty (1 Cor. 15:4b)
- Jesus appeared to hundreds of people (1 Cor. 15:5-7)
- Jesus disciples were transformed (1 Cor. 15:5-7)
- Jesus enemy was converted (1 Cor. 15:8-9)
- Jesus disciples worshiped him as God

2. HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION

- Jesus is God
- Jesus defeated death (Acts 2:24; Rom. 6:23)
- Jesus gives new life now (Rom. 6:5-11; Eph 2:5)
- Jesus will raise us again later (1 Cor. 15:20-22, 47-49)
- Jesus alone can give eternal life (Jn. 11:25-26)

RESPONSE QUESTIONS

1. *The statements under point 1 are almost universally accepted by both Christians and non-Christians. What is the difference between faith and blind faith?*
2. *Jesus is a liar, a lunatic, or he is Lord. Why is this an important truth to grasp for all people?*
3. *What is most impactful for you under point 1? Do you have any questions or areas you would like to study further?*
4. *Why is it essential for us to understand and believe that Jesus is God?*
5. *Why is the resurrection such an important doctrine for us as Christians?*
6. *Jesus is our only hope for eternal life. Why is this truth so offensive to the world?*
7. *Jesus gives lift to those who believe. What is the nature of true belief/faith?*