

Rise!!!

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I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. ⁹For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

– 1 Corinthians 15:3-9 (NLT)

If the resurrection is true...

**Then Jesus isn't just another martyr.
He is who He claimed to be: God in the flesh!**

**Then there is no limit to what God can do
in and through our lives!**

**Then there are eternal consequences
to whether we believe it or not.**

**If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in
your heart that God raised him from the dead, you
will be saved.**

– Romans 10:9 (NLT)

Rise...To Believe!

The coming to faith of _____.

But (Thomas) replied, **“I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”**

– John 20:25 (NLT)

When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. “He's out of his mind,” they said.

– Mark 3:21 (NLT)

The transformation of _____.

Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers.

– Acts 9:1 (NLT)

The unyielding belief of the _____.

At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled.

– Matthew 26:56 (NLT)

They called in the apostles and had them flogged. Then they ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go. **The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus.**

– Acts 5:40-41 (NLT)

The testimonies of the _____.