

(1 Co 15:1–19)

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,
2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins **according to the Scriptures,**
4 and that He was buried, and **that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,**
5 and that He **appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve.
6 After that He **appeared** to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;
7 then He **appeared** to ^aJames, then to all the apostles;
8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.
9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.
11 Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.
12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
13 if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;
14 and **if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.**

15 Moreover we are even found *to be* false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.
16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;
17 **and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.**

John 20:28-29 New Living Translation (NLT)

“My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

Psalm 16:9–10 (NASB95)

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will dwell securely.
10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;
Nor will You allow Your **Holy One** to undergo decay.

Acts 2:22–36 (NASB95)

22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—
23 this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.
24 **“But God raised Him up again,** putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.
25 “For David says of Him,
‘I saw the Lord always in my presence;
For He is at my right hand, so that I will not be shaken.’

- 26 'Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue exulted;
Moreover my flesh also will live in hope;
27 Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades,
Nor allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
28 'You have made known to me the ways of life;
You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.'
- 29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both **died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.**
30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat *one* of his descendants on his throne,
31 he looked ahead and **spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.**
32 "**This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.**
33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Matthew 4:4 (NASB95)

- 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.' "