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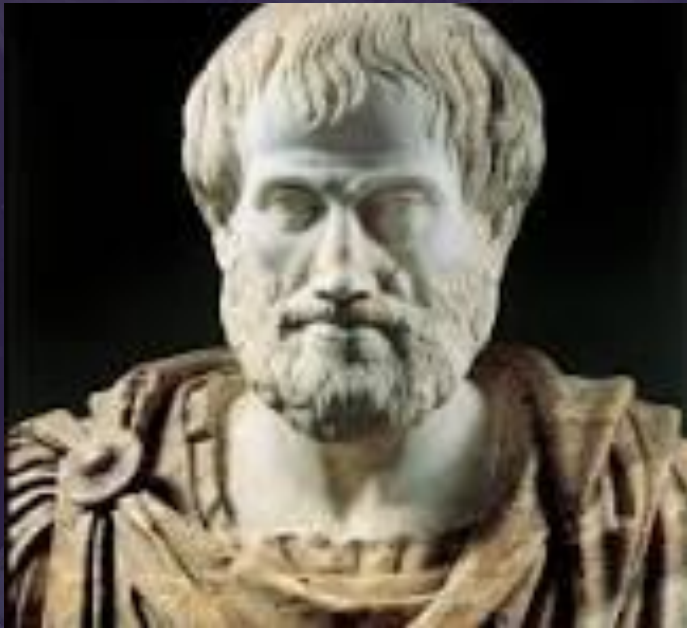
# THIS

changes

# EVERYTHING

You are what you . . .

Repeatedly do



Eat



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You are what you drink



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**You are what you expect . . .  
. . . and Christmas changes everything we expect**



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**Birth into  
a body**



**Death &  
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in a body**

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**40 Days**



**Ascension & return  
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## 40 Days that change everything

Acts 1 1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>He **presented himself alive** to them after his suffering by many proofs, **appearing to them during forty days** and speaking about the kingdom of God.

(Luke, author of *Luke* and *Acts*)

## 40 Days that change everything

1 Corinthians 15<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> **and that he appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he **appeared** to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he **appeared** to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he **appeared** also to me.

(The Apostle Paul)

## 40 Days that change everything

Luke 24<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself **stood among** them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

<sup>39</sup> **See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.** Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

# 1. Christ *speaking about the Kingdom* with his words

- Your citizenship has been earned through my obedient life
- Your sin has been paid for by my death on the cross

## 2. Christ *speaking about the Kingdom* with his body

- Your body will be raised
- Your body will be your body
- This changes everything

- **Your body will be raised (like the rest of the crop)**

**1 Cor 15**<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, **the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

- Your body will be your body



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<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet **in my flesh I shall see God,** <sup>27</sup> whom **I shall see for myself,** and **my eyes** shall behold, and **not another.** Job 19



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**You'll be you**



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- **This changes everything: Motivation to stop sinning**

**1 Cor 15** <sup>32</sup> <sup>b</sup> If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” <sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning.

**You'll never  
sin again!!!**



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- **This changes everything: What you do in your body matters for eternity**

**1 Cor 15** <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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- Job-readiness training
- Nutrition & exercise support
- Personalized goal setting

**What you do today  
will last forever!!!!**



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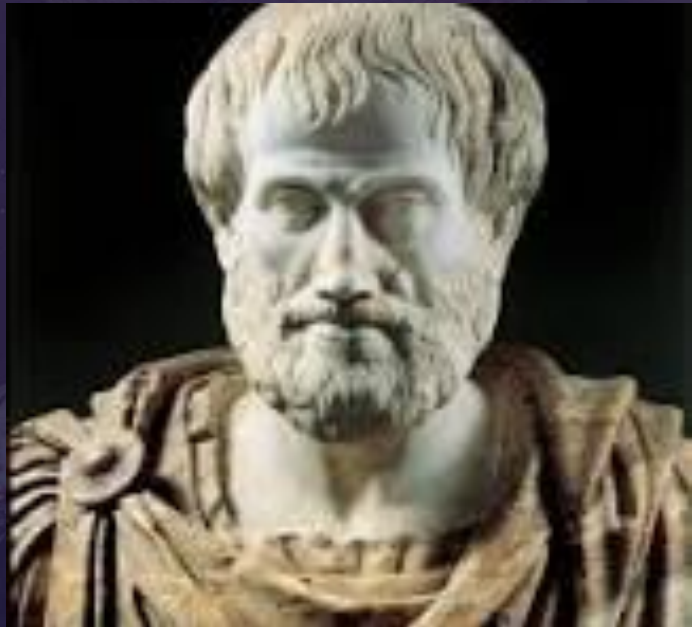
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***WHY IS IT SO HARD TO BELIEVE THIS?***

## WHY IS IT SO HARD TO BELIEVE THIS?

My sense of autonomy fights against it

- *Who I am is what I do. (Thank Aristotle)*



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# WHY IS IT SO HARD TO BELIEVE THIS?

My culture tells me I am what I consume

- *Find pleasure now. Consume! (Thank Ronald & Steph)*



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*What has Christ done to help me believe it?*

- **Your citizenship has been earned through my obedient life**

**2 Cor 5 <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

***What has Christ done to help me believe it?***

- **Your sin has been paid for by my death on the cross**

***Christ took on your sorrow and shame forever***

**Isa 53<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows**

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