

“What If Jesus Didn’t Rise from the Dead?”

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WHAT IF JESUS...? - Part 6

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Sin and death have always hung over us like a dark cloud, but it often takes times like these to confront us with just how ____ we really are.

Easter isn’t just an event two thousand years ago, but an event that has real impact for how we’re living right ____!

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ he said. ‘I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.’ The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel’s message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.’

—Matthew 28:1-10 (NLT)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

—1 Corinthians 15:12-13 (ESV)

CONSEQUENCES IF CHRIST DIDN'T RISE FROM THE DEAD

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain....

—1 Corinthians 15:14ab (ESV)

(1) Preaching the Gospel is _____, because there's no good news.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

—1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV)

(2) Faith in Christ is _____.

...your faith is in vain.

—1 Corinthians 15:14c (ESV)

We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

—1 Corinthians 15:15 (ESV)

(3) Every witness to the resurrection is _____.

and that he appeared to Cephas [Peter], then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

—1 Corinthians 15:5-8 (ESV)

Preachers aren't the only liars - _____ was also a liar.

After they gathered again in Galilee, Jesus told [the

disciples], 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.'...

—Matthew 17:22-23 (NLT)

Jesus: ... 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.'

—John 11:25 (NLT)

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

—1 Corinthians 15:16 (ESV)

(4) Satan ____.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile...

—1 Corinthians 15:17ab (ESV)

(5) Christianity is ____.

...If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.'

—1 Corinthians 15:32 (ESV)

...you are still in your sins.

—1 Corinthians 15:17c (ESV)

(6) We are stuck in our ____.

[Jesus] was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

—Romans 4:25 (NLT)

For the wages of sin is death....

—Romans 6:23 (ESV)

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

—1 Corinthians 15:18 (ESV)

(7) All our loved ones who put their faith in Christ are ____, forever.

(8) We are ____.

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

—1 Corinthians 15:19 (ESV)

Jesus: 'The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

—John 10:10 (ESV)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

—1 Corinthians 15:20 (ESV)

We have a living hope that transforms how we _____ everything around us, including these turbulent times.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

—Romans 8:11 (ESV)

Eternal life is only possible for those who have placed their _____ in Jesus Christ and seek to follow him through the power of his _____.

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Because Christ rose from the grave, _____ does not have the last word for us!

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

—1 Corinthians 15:51-55 (ESV)

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

—1 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)

trusting God through disruption and change



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