



Jesus is Alive!

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
April 16, 2017, Easter Sunday

I. The Preaching of the Resurrection (vv. 1-2)

- A. This is the _____ of the gospel
(Acts 13:15-16, 26-33; Gal. 1:1)
- B. This is the _____ of salvation
(Jn. 3:16-17; Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5)
- C. This includes an _____ to the Word
(Jn. 8:31; 2 Cor. 13:5; 1 Jn. 2:24)

II. The Priority of the Resurrection (v. 3a)

- A. The gospel is the most important message you could ever _____
(1 Cor. 4:7; Gal. 1:9-12)
- B. The gospel is the most important message that you could ever _____
(1 Cor. 11:23; Acts 1:8; Mk. 16:15)

III. The Power of the Resurrection (vv. 3b-4)

- A. Jesus _____ for your sins (Gal. 1:3-4; 1 Jn. 4:10)
- B. Jesus was _____ in a tomb (Matt. 27:57-60)
- C. Jesus was _____ from the dead
(Acts 2:24, 32; Rom. 6:4; Jn. 10:17-18; Rom. 8:11)
- D. Jesus died and was raised according to the _____
(Isa. 53:8-12; Ps. 16:8-11; Ps. 22; Jonah 1:17; Matt. 12:40)

IV. The Proof of the Resurrection (vv. 5-10)

- A. He appeared to _____ (v. 5a)
- B. He appeared to the _____ (v. 5b)
- C. He appeared to more than five _____ (v. 6)
- D. He appeared to _____ (v. 7a)
- E. He appeared to all the _____ (v. 7b)
- F. He appeared to _____ (vv. 8-10)
 - 1. Paul was Johnny come _____ (v.8)
 - 2. Paul was the _____ of the apostles (v. 9)
 - 3. Paul worked _____ by the grace of God (v. 10)

V. The Point of the Resurrection (v. 11)

- A. It's not about the messenger but the _____
(1 Cor. 3:5-7)
- B. It's not a truth to be suggested but _____
(1 Cor. 15:12-14, 17, 21-22, 42-43, 54-58)
- C. It's not about trying it out timidly but _____
in Christ fully (Acts 16:30-31; Rom. 10:9-10; Jn. 3:16)

TAKE HOME

- Do you believe that Jesus _____ for your sins?
- Do you believe that Jesus was _____ on the third day?
- If not, may I ask, what is holding you _____?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2. When had Paul previously preached the gospel? (Acts 13:15-16, 26-33; Gal. 1:1) What is the gospel? Define it in your own words.

2. Read Jn. 8:31; 2 Cor. 13:5; and 1 Jn. 2:24. How do these cross references show an adherence to the Word as evidence of genuine salvation? Can you be a Christian and be characterized by unrepentant sin in your life? Why or why not?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3a. How have you made the gospel of first importance in your life? What does that look like for you?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3b-4. Take a little time to explain the importance of the fact that Jesus died for your sins, was buried in a tomb, and was raised according to the Scriptures. Give at least one cross reference with your answer.

5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:5-7. Which one of these appearances touches your heart the most? Why? What is the importance of having all of these different appearances mentioned in Scripture?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:8-10. What about Paul’s testimony encourages you the most? What surprised you the most? What challenged you the most?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:11. What is the point of the resurrection? How can you get to a place where you truly believe? What does it mean to trust in Christ fully?

8. Read the take home questions. Which question was the hardest to answer? If you are already a Christian, which question was the hardest for you to answer in the past?

“A dead Christ I must do everything for; a living Christ does everything for me.”

- Andrew Murray