

HE IS RISEN!!!

He has risen indeed!!!



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FRIDAY.....

- scattered followers
- death and burial of Jesus

SUNDAY

- News – body is gone
- Angel's news – he is not here, risen
- Footrace to the tomb – gone
- Appearance of Jesus on road
- Appearance of Jesus to disciples

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1 Cor. 15:1-11 “Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word 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 in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy 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 was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

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¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.



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1. DON'T MISS THIS

a) critical truth

- heard from us, received and now stand
- 1st Importance – Key to everything
- Christ died for sins , buried
 - in accordance with scriptures
- Christ raised on 3rd Day
 - in accordance with scriptures

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b) Clear Evidence to Resurrection

- appeared to Peter and the 12
- seen by over 500 at one time
- there are eyewitnesses you could ask
- appeared to James – brother
- appeared to Apostles
- appeared to Paul Himself

* many eyewitnesses, testimony of this, body is gone, scripture predicted this, evidence is clear –
Jesus is Alive

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2. THIS MEANS..... VS. 12-21

“¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ 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.

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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 futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead”

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- follow the logic to it's conclusion
- if not resurrected.....
 - preaching in vain – 14
 - faith in vain – 14
 - apostles are liars – 14
 - faith if futile, still in sin – 17
 - death is the end, no hope, purpose – 18
 - we should be pitied by all – 19
- BUT vs.20 “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead”

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2. THIS MEANS.....

a) We are forgiven our Sins! (17)

- 1st importance 15:3 'died for our sins'

- Romans 4:25 "It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."

- debt paid, forgiveness granted, given the righteousness of Christ, right with God

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b) Foundation of Our Faith Solid

- death proves his Love for us
- John 3:16,17 “ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”
- resurrection proves his power over every enemy and power.

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Galatians 2:20... I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

c) Apostles Proclaim Truth – Not Liars

- Jesus said “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

- truth can be trusted, gives us confidence**
- scripture can be trusted**

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d) We Should be Envied

- sometimes feel like hiding beliefs, convictions, lifestyle choices
- we have, and should proclaim, the gospel.
- vs.58 “ 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.”

e) Absence from Body is Presence with God

- resurrection is for us as well
- confidence for life beyond the grave

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3. RESURRECTED AND RETURNING 21-28

“²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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27 For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

a) returning for all who believe 21-23

b) returning as King and Ruler 24-25

c) returning with Fathers Authority 26-28

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SO WHAT?

1. Don't Miss the Gospel

- 1st importance, evidenced as true



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SO WHAT?

1. **Don't Miss the Gospel**
2. **Grasp the Significance**

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- **Your Forgiven**
- **Build your Faith – Foundation Solid**
- **Let Scripture be Your Guide – Truth**
- **Live as Those Envied – Proclaim Christ**
- **Look forward with Expectancy – beyond life**

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2. Grasp the Significance
3. Our King is Risen and Returning

