

## **I Corinthians 15:12-20**

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. 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 firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep

### **Scripture References:**

**John 11:21-24** – Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

**Acts 2:23-24** – This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

### **Acts 5:27-30 + 5:40-42**

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 28 “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” 29 Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! 30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.

40 His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

**Romans 8:10-11** – But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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Raised from the Dead #2 – I Corinthians 15:12-20 – *Stands or Falls*

Main Idea: Our \_\_\_\_\_ stands or falls based on the Resurrection of Christ.

Context: Some in Corinth are saying there will be no \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection of the dead.

I Corinthians 15:12-20 Paul argues for the Resurrection by hypothesizing the opposite

15:13-18 If there is no Resurrection then:

Our preaching is \_\_\_\_\_

Our faith is \_\_\_\_\_

We are \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses

Faith in Christ has no \_\_\_\_\_

We are still in \_\_\_\_\_

Those who've died are \_\_\_\_\_

15:19 Paul lays it on the line: Was Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ raised from the dead or not?

If it didn't happen then we are:

But if it did happen then we have:

15:20 But Christ has been raised therefore:

There have been some who have tried to construct a Christianity without miracles.

CS Lewis' book *Miracles* breaks down two worldviews:

Naturalists: Some people believe that \_\_\_\_\_ except Nature.

Supernaturalists: Others believe there exists something \_\_\_\_\_ Nature

Naturalistic Christianity: Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus without the miracles.

To *Demythologize* the Bible is to explain away the miracles as natural \_\_\_\_\_

NT Wright: Without the resurrection, the crucifixion carries no \_\_\_\_\_, no announcement of royal \_\_\_\_\_, and hence no consequences of \_\_\_\_\_...

Reasons to believe the Resurrection Happened:

Answers for the blanks:

- Faith – or Christianity
- Future
- Empty or in vain
- Empty or in vain
- False
- Power to save
- Our sins
- Lost
- Bodily
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If it didn't happen then we are: *fools – most pitiable*

But if it did happen then we have: *gotten a hold of the most important truth of all*

But Christ has been raised therefore: *so one day will all who belong to Him*

- Nothing exists
- Beyond
- Ethics and teachings
- Phenomena
- No gospel
- No royal victory
- No salvation