

Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15

An important question

If it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
(NIV 1 Cor 15:12)



Without the resurrection of Christ, Christianity
make absolutely no sense!

And if Christ has not been raised, our
preaching is useless and so is your faith.

(NIV 1 Cor 15:14)

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is
futile; you are still in your sins.

(NIV 1 Cor 15:17)



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Caution and even a certain scepticism is
desirable, so

Doubting Thomas
Disciples lives changed
500 witnesses
Eyewitness testimony



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Control the story and you control the truth, or at least our perception of the truth

Humans can believe almost any scam or conspiracy theory, so *examine the evidence, check your facts carefully and ask if it makes sense*

Because this truth changes everything!



12- 34 Theology: Those who say there is no resurrection: Objection: It doesn't *really matter*

Without the resurrection, the *gospel* makes no sense

14, 15 The gospel is a lie and Paul is a liar

16,17 The sacrifice is not accepted

18,29 Your faith is useless

18 Those who are dead are lost

19,32 Work and suffering for the gospel is
pointless



12- 34 Theology: Those who say there is no resurrection: Objection: It doesn't *really matter*

Without the resurrection, *history* makes no sense

20 The resurrection at the centre of history

21,22 The end of the curse of Adam

23,24 Christ is the end and ruler of history

25,26 Death is the last enemy

27,28 God will be all in all



12- 34 Theology: Those who say there is no resurrection: Objection: It doesn't *really matter*

Without the resurrection, *morality* makes no sense

32-34 “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die”
(Isaiah 22:13)



35-53 Ontology: What kind of resurrection?

Objection: It isn't *really real*

Ontology discusses the nature of being

A car is made of metal and plastic, but that is not what a car *is*

A Bible can be a handwritten scroll, or a printed book, or an ebook, or even an audio recording. None of those is less or more a Bible than any other



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36-38 Seeds “die” to become plants

39 Different kinds of flesh

40,41 Earthly and heavenly bodies

And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my
flesh I will see God; (NIV Job 19:26)



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Transformation:

42-44 Seed to plant

44-50 Dust, natural breathing body (*nephesh*)
to a body suited to the the spiritual kingdom
Perishable to imperishable

52,54 A change of clothing (for the kingdom)



50-58 Doxology: The song of victory: Objection It's *really a problem*, not a matter for praise. It's a bit weird, and not really relevant to everyday discipleship

Not at all! God brings every deed to judgement
Death is swallowed up in victory!
(Isaiah 25:8, Hosea 13,14)

Your labour in the Lord is not in vain (v58)

