
EASTER WORSHIP GUIDE
1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-34

Hope In The Resurrection
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“If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn’t rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.” – Dr. Tim Keller

One Thing:

- Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we can have certainty in our own resurrection and eternal life with God

3 Observations:

1. The evidence of Jesus’ resurrection – vv. 1-11

- Paul points us to eyewitnesses who saw the resurrected Jesus

“Women’s low social status meant that their testimony was not admissible evidence in court. There was no possible advantage to the church to recount that all the first witnesses were women. It could only have undermined the credibility of the testimony.” – Dr. Tim Keller

“Even if they wanted to make up the story of Jesus’ resurrection, they would not have been capable because it wasn’t in the framework of their worldview.” – N.T Wright

- Paul points us to his own testimony of encountering the resurrected Jesus

“Nothing in history can be proven the way we can prove something in a laboratory. However, the resurrection of Jesus is a historical fact much more fully attested to than most other events of ancient history we take for granted. Every effort to account for the birth of the church apart from Jesus’ resurrection flies in the face of what we know about first-century history and culture. If you don’t short-circuit the process with the philosophical bias against the possibility of miracles, the resurrection of Jesus has the most evidence for it.” - Dr. Tim Keller

2. The importance of Jesus’ resurrection – vv. 12-19

- Paul states that if there is no resurrection from the dead
 - Jesus Himself was not raised from the dead
 - Our preaching and our faith are in vain
 - We’ve been lying about who God is
 - We are still trapped in our sin
 - Those who have died are gone forever
 - We are to be pitied

Message translation – If there’s no resurrection, there’s no living Christ. And face it – if there’s no resurrection for Christ, everything we’ve told you is smoke and mirrors, and everything you’ve staked your life on is smoke and mirrors. Not only that, but we would be guilty of telling a string of barefaced lies about God, all these affidavits we passed on to you verifying that God raised up Christ

– sheer fabrications, if there’s no resurrection. If corpses can’t be raised, then Christ wasn’t, because he was indeed dead. And if Christ weren’t raised, then all you’re doing is wandering about in the dark, as lost as ever. It’s even worse for those who died hoping in Christ and resurrection, because they’re already in their graves. If all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years, we’re a pretty sorry lot

“If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins (1 Corinth 15:17). And if we are still in our sins, we have no confidence, no assurance of our salvation whatsoever. It is no overstatement to say, then, that the resurrection of Christ saves.” – Matthew Barrett

3. **The impact of Jesus’ resurrection – vv. 20-34**

- Paul says this is what we need to know about Jesus’ resurrection and its impact on our lives
 - Jesus’ resurrection points us to our own resurrection
 - Jesus’ resurrection points us to Jesus’ rule and reign
 - Jesus’ resurrection points us to the promise of an eternal life

Romans 6:4 – We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life

Colossians 3:12 – Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him