Resurrection -- The Centerpiece Of The Christian Faith

1 Corinthians 15:4

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• There is **Nothing More Important** To A Believer Than **The Resurrection Of Christ**

• We Cannot **Exist** -- **Move** -- **Live** As **Believers** Without The **Resurrection** Of Jesus Christ
(1 Cor. 15:3-4 NIV) *I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me—that Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, as the Scriptures said.*

- Christ Died For Our Sins
- He Was Buried
- He Was Raised From The Dead On Day 3
Jesus Christ Has Risen From The Grave And He Is Alive -- That Must Be Our Focus

This Is The Foundation Of Our Faith

This Is The Decision Point That Everyone Is Confronted With

Do You Believe?
• **Jesus Is A Promise Keeper:**

• **John 2:19-22 (NIV)** (19) Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." (20) The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" (21) But the temple he had spoken of was his body. (22) After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.
Jesus Keeps His Promises

Keeping His Promise He Defeated Death, Hell And The Grave

Christ Will Fulfill All That He Has Promised
• Jesus Is The Real True Authority On All Issues Of Life

• The Resurrection = A Powerful Piece Of Evidence Proving That Jesus Christ Is God

• Jesus: Perfect Deity & Perfect Humanity

• Jesus: Emptied Himself -- Made Himself Nothing
Jesus Christ Is God:

• He Was **Pre-Existent** With The Father
• Called “**Christ**” & “**Son Of God**” = Divinity
• He Was **Sinless**, As Only God Can Be
• He Performed **Miraculous Works**
• He **Forgives Sin**, As Only God Can
• The **Titles Given** Attest To His **Deity**
Jesus Validates Our Future Resurrection As Believers

Because He Did What He Said He Would Do

It Gives Our Lives New Meaning We Have A Great Future In Christ
The Resurrection Of Christ Means **The Gospel Preaching Is True**

- **Our Faith Is Placed In** *One Who Is Sure*
- **His Word Is True**
- **Our Sins Are** *Forgiven*
- **The Load Of** *Sin And Guilt Are Lifted*
Because Christ was raised, we too can be raised.

We can trust Him when He says He will come again.

There is reason for us to live for Him and believe in Him.
Jesus’ Resurrection Power -- **Impacts Our Lives And Gives Us A Story To Tell**

- The Resurrection Was Real To Early Christians
- Jesus’ Resurrection Power Impacts Our Lives
He Has Given Us **Something To Live For**

- We Have A Way To **Be Released From Our Past And Present** And Be Made Ready For Our Future In Christ

- What We Used To Be -- **We Are No More**

- When Your Life Is Impacted By The Resurrection **You Have A Story To Tell**
1. Jesus Is A Promise Keeper
2. Jesus Validates Our Future Resurrection
3. Resurrection Impacts Our Lives & Story
4. Jesus Is The True Authority — He Is God
5. He Forgives Sin, As Only God Can

• (1 Pet 3:18 NIV) For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,