

LIVE OAK CHURCH

The Proof, The Power, & The Person Of The Resurrection

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11

We All Have Questions About Faith, Belief, & Trust

I. The questions we ask about this day

- A. Why is this day so special?
- B. Why are churches so full on this day?
- C. Why is this day the greatest celebration of hope?

II. The answer to these questions - why this day is special

- A. It's the day we remember when death was defeated
 1. The terror of the human heart was defeated
 2. The sting of the human soul was removed
- B. It's the day we remember the words of Jesus on the Cross
 1. "It is finished"
 2. These words were for us & all who would believe

3. The payment has been made in full
 4. All that was needed to forgive & make us righteous has occurred
- C. This day is special because the prophecies of Jesus have been fulfilled
 - D. The gates of Heaven are open for all who believe
 1. A new Heaven, a new earth, & a new body given to all who believe

III. Why is this day so important?

- A. Because one day we all will die
 1. Some struggle with understanding this
 2. "I can't believe this happened"
 3. Bible says it will
- B. This day in human history changed everything
 1. Jesus fulfilled His promise
 2. He fulfilled who He is as a person "The Resurrection & the Life"
- C. And He gave many infallible proofs

IV. The facts we need to know & share

- A. The crucifixion was a historical event
 1. Written records by secular historians
 2. Creeds written weeks after the event
 3. Confirmed by secular sources & Christian testimony
 4. Some samples

- B. The disciples saw & believed in the resurrected Jesus
 - 1. Lives transformed
 - a. Peter denied
 - b. Thomas doubted
 - c. Phillip distorted
 - 2. Lives transformed
 - a. Fear to boldness
 - b. Doubt to belief
 - c. Death to life
 - 3. They died for what they heard & what they saw
- C. Change occurred of skeptics & scoffers
 - 1. James
 - 2. Paul
- D. What they saw
 - 1. Risen Savior (500 at one time)
 - 2. An empty tomb
 - 3. Prophecy fulfilled

V. Why does this matter?

- A. The Resurrection sets Jesus apart as a person
- B. It validates His promise & prediction
- C. It guarantees hope at your last moment
 - 1. Forgiveness of sin
 - 2. Clothed in His righteousness
 - 3. Eternal life in Glory

VI. The Resurrection demands a response

- A. Jesus asked the question "Do you believe this?"
- B. The answer to that question explains almost everything about you
- C. The Resurrection is not just an event to admire, but a truth to embrace
- D. The question to answer is, What will you do with this event?

Do You Believe This?