



Happy Easter!



He is Risen!



Easter Offering

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There is no evidence for a form of Christianity in which the resurrection was not a central belief. It was the central driving force, informing the whole movement.



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"The Center of the Gospel"

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No Resurrection - No Gospel

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.



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For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.



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The Gospel Facts

Christ Died for Our Sins

- *According to the Scriptures*
- *He Was Buried (Proof)*

Christ Rose the Third Day

- *According to the Scriptures*
- *He Appeared (Proof)*



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After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.



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For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.



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But 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? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.



(1 Corinthians 15:12-19)

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More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.



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And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.



(1 Corinthians 15:12-19)

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Useless, Vain, Empty (κενός)

The idea here is that there is no content. It is used of an empty container and thus indicates that there is no truth to the statement. It is thus useless and unusable.

Useless, Futile, Purposeless (μάταιος)

The idea here is that there is no power. It cannot accomplish the purpose it is to be used for. It thus has no value.



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- Preaching is useless.
 - Faith is empty.
 - We are lying.
 - Faith is useless.
 - We are still in our sins.
 - We are pitiful.
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Christ is the Firstfruits of the Resurrection

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.



(1 Corinthians 15:20-28)

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Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.



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For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.



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Bad Doctrinal Company Corrupts Good Morals

Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour?



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I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained?



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*If the dead are not raised,
"Let us eat and drink,
for tomorrow we die."*



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Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning;
for there are some who are ignorant of God—
I say this to your shame.



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A Better Body Awaits Us

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.



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But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another.



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There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.



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So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.



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If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.
So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being";
the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.



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The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.



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As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth;
and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.

And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man,
so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.



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Death will be Swallowed up in Victory

A I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.



(1 Corinthians 15:50-57)

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For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.



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When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”



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The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.



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The Transformation of the Resurrection

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

- Be prepared to explain the importance of the resurrection and how it is central to the gospel.
 - Recognize that what you do in this life echoes in eternity.
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THAT'S

MY

KING.

THE BIBLE SAYS MY KING IS THE KING OF ISRAEL
THE KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
THE KING OF THE AGES
THE KING OF HEAVEN
THE KING OF GLORY
THE KING OF KINGS
AND HE'S THE LORD OF LORDS
I WONDER... THAT'S MY KING
MY KING IS A SOVEREIGN KING
HE'S ENDURINGLY STRONG HE'S ENTIRELY SINCERE
HE'S ETERNALLY STEADFAST HE'S IMMORTALLY GRACEFUL
HE'S IMPERIALLY POWERFUL HE'S IMPARTIALLY MERCIFUL
DO YOU KNOW HIM?
HE'S THE GREATEST PHENOMENON THAT HAS EVER
CROSSED THE HORIZON OF THIS WORLD
HE'S GOD'S SON HE'S THE SINNER'S SAVIOR HE'S THE PEAK OF CIVILIZATION
HE'S UNPARALLELED HE'S UNPRECEDENTED HE IS THE LOFTIEST IDEA IN LITERATURE
HE'S THE HIGHEST PERSONALITY IN PHILOSOPHY
HE'S THE FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINE OF TRUE THEOLOGY HE'S THE ONLY ONE QUALIFIED TO BE AN ALL-SUFFICIENT SAVIOR
I WONDER IF YOU
DO YOU KNOW HIM?
HE SUPPLIES STRENGTH FOR THE WEAK
HE'S AVAILABLE FOR THE TEMPTED AND THE TRIED
HE SYMPATHIZES AND HE SAVES
HE GUARDS AND HE GUIDES
HE STRENGTHENS AND SUSTAINS
HE REGARDS THE AGED
HE REWARDS THE DILIGENT AND HE BEAUTIFIES THE MEAGER
I WONDER
WELL, HIS LIGHT IS MATCHLESS HIS GOODNESS IS LIMITLESS
HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING
HIS LOVE NEVER CHANGES HIS WORD IS ENOUGH HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT HIS REIGN IS RIGHTEOUS AND HIS YOKE IS EASY AND HIS BURDEN IS LIGHT
HE'S INDESCRIBABLE HE'S INCOMPREHENSIBLE
HE'S INVINCIBLE HE'S IRRESISTIBLE
YOU CAN'T GET HIM OUT OF YOUR MIND
YOU CAN'T GET HIM OFF OF YOUR HEAD
YOU CAN'T OUTLIVE HIM AND YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT HIM
WELL, THE PHARISEES COULDN'T STAND HIM BUT THEY FOUND OUT THEY COULDN'T STOP HIM PILATE COULDN'T FIND ANY FAULT IN HIM HEROD COULDN'T KILL HIM
AND THE GRAVE COULDN'T HOLD HIM
DEATH COULDN'T HANDLE HIM YES THAT'S MY KING THAT'S MY KING THAT'S MY KING