



**Jesus Arose!**  
**1 Corinthians 15:12-19**

Christianity is first and foremost a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Deity of Jesus Christ, that He is the Lord, the Son of God. God declared with \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Son of God through His resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4). Jesus made a rather \_\_\_\_\_ prediction in Matthew 20:18-19. If this happened the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus predicted, He is everything that He claims to be. If there was a resurrection, then Jesus is certainly \_\_\_\_\_ of our love and loyalty. He truly is \_\_\_\_\_!

The New Testament is clear and consistent that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead and is Lord of all. We can \_\_\_\_\_ the books of the New Testament. They were written at a time when people who were living could judge and verify the \_\_\_\_\_ that they presented. If Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John had lied to us, the early \_\_\_\_\_ would have known it and rejected them. But the early church universally regarded these four books as inspired of \_\_\_\_\_, inerrant and authoritative; and they quoted from them repeatedly. Jesus did indeed arise from the dead, and Luke said in Acts 1, verse 3 that Jesus “presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing \_\_\_\_\_, appearing to them over a period of forty days.” The New Testament \_\_\_\_\_ nearly a dozen appearances.

The appearances \_\_\_\_\_ in different places and under different circumstances. Not one person who witnessed the appearances ever \_\_\_\_\_ what he saw, heard or when he touched the Lord. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his resurrection to them. And so convinced were they of the resurrection that they would \_\_\_\_\_ persecution, prison, and even death for what they believed. Those who saw Jesus alive \_\_\_\_\_ the crucifixion became convinced of his resurrection. One has to account for such conviction, and the only reasonable conclusion for such conviction is that they saw and believed, and what they believed was the \_\_\_\_\_! At first the disciples \_\_\_\_\_. They had to be \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, when the \_\_\_\_\_ told the apostles Jesus was risen, the disciples thought it was nonsense. Jesus had to \_\_\_\_\_ himself alive to His apostles. Jesus rebuked his disciples “for their \_\_\_\_\_ and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after His resurrection” (Mark 16:14).

On the following Pentecost, less than \_\_\_\_\_ days later, all the apostles took their stand before thousands, saying, “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all \_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 2:32). They further said, “. . . let all the house of Israel know for \_\_\_\_\_ that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified” (chapter 2, verse 36). The frightened disciples became \_\_\_\_\_. The Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court, gave the apostles “strict orders not to continue \_\_\_\_\_ in this name.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must \_\_\_\_\_ God rather than men. The God of our fathers \_\_\_\_\_ up Jesus, whom you put to death by hanging Him on a cross” (Acts 5:28-30). They changed from fear to faith, from unbelief to knowing for \_\_\_\_\_ that God had raised Him from the dead. Nothing but a real resurrection can explain the \_\_\_\_\_ in the disciples. Not one of the disciples ever denied the resurrection; they died \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus arose.

Would you die preaching something that you knew was a \_\_\_\_\_? Would you endure beatings, imprisonment, and death to \_\_\_\_\_ something that you knew was false? These men held to the gospel story because they witnessed Jesus resurrected from the dead \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ He arose! And they \_\_\_\_\_ for Him.



It is also amazing how the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus took His resurrection seriously. Read John 11:46-48 and Matthew 27:63-66 to see the fear His enemies had that His declaration that He would be raised would come true. Some people think that Jesus didn't really die but just revived in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tomb. That Jesus after being beaten and crucified could have revived in the tomb enough to roll that very heavy stone away, breaking the seals, and then frightening these hardened soldiers is a conjecture harder to \_\_\_\_\_ than the resurrection itself.

When Peter and John saw the empty tomb and the linen wrappings that had been on his body the Bible says they \_\_\_\_\_ (John 20:6-7). If Jesus' body were stolen, as some have suggested, why did they \_\_\_\_\_ the grave clothes behind? If Jesus were \_\_\_\_\_ again, He would take those wrappings off. Jesus was raised from the dead by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Nothing else could \_\_\_\_\_ the empty tomb or the linen wrappings! The Roman guards could have been punished with death if they had allowed Jesus' body to be \_\_\_\_\_ by the disciples.

The Roman guards \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ their place of responsibility. All the Jewish and Roman authorities had to do to \_\_\_\_\_ the resurrection was just produce the dead body of Jesus, but they didn't do this; they couldn't. Paul argued in 1 Corinthians 15:6 that Jesus appeared to more than \_\_\_\_\_ brethren at one time and that many were still living to verify his claim. The evidence is so \_\_\_\_\_ that no one can dispute it. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.

There's Saul of Tarsus, the man who \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity with all of his might. He traveled to Damascus to imprison some who had \_\_\_\_\_ there. It was on the road that the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus appeared to Saul. From that time forward Saul of Tarsus became the apostle Paul, the apostle who gave his \_\_\_\_\_ preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Why the \_\_\_\_\_? The only credible \_\_\_\_\_ is that Saul believed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. When he faced the \_\_\_\_\_, he understood that Jesus is Lord, risen from the dead and the one who will judge the world.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ greatly. If Jesus arose, we should call Him "\_\_\_\_\_" and obey His every teaching. If Jesus arose, His \_\_\_\_\_ are true, His commandments are binding, and He is the only \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven. If Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_, He's not merely another moral teacher or just another prophet; He is the Son of God. We must one day stand before Him to be \_\_\_\_\_ for our deeds, whether good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10). The gospel is indeed \_\_\_\_\_ news, and that's why we need to \_\_\_\_\_ it today. Romans 1:16 says that the gospel is God's power unto \_\_\_\_\_.

One \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel by believing that Jesus is the Christ with all one's heart, repenting of every sin, confessing the name of Jesus as the Christ and Lord, and being baptized in water. You're baptized into \_\_\_\_\_, and in baptism a person dies with Christ; he's buried with Christ and raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and it's at that time that he's freed from sin (Romans 6:3-7). Without the gospel none of us has any \_\_\_\_\_ of being raised from the dead and living eternally with the Lord.