

1— The Significance of the Resurrection

John 12:32

1. The importance of the resurrection is intricately detailed in 1 Corinthians 15. In the following verses, what does Paul note are the consequences “if there is no resurrection...”

- 1 Corinthians 15:13—
- 1 Corinthians 15:14—
- 1 Corinthians 15:15—
- 1 Corinthians 15:17—
- 1 Corinthians 15:18-19—
- 1 Corinthians 15:20—

2. The term “resurrection” is found 38 times in the New Testament Scriptures. Look this word up in a Bible dictionary. What does it mean?

3. What is the importance of the resurrection according to the following passages...

- Matthew 12:38-40—
- Luke 24:38-43—
- Acts 2:22-24—
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-4—
- Matthew 28:18-20—
- John 11:25—
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—
- Romans 6:3-14—

4. What Jewish sect of the 1st century was known for their unbelief in the resurrection (see Matthew 22:23)?

5. What did Jesus say about this group’s unbelief (Matthew 22:29-32)?

6. When the disciples struggled with their unbelief in the resurrection, how did Jesus respond to them (Mark 16:11-14)?

7. In the following passages, what is said to or about the following individuals/groups due to their unbelief in the resurrection?

- King Agrippa (Acts 26:8)—
- Corinthians (1 Corinthians 15:12)—
- Hymenaeus and Philetus (2 Timothy 2:16-18)—

8. When comparing Jesus to Muhammad, Buddha, or even Abraham (the founders of other world religions) what are the key facts which make Jesus different and superior?

9. What would be the consequences for Christianity if the resurrection could be disproven? Conversely, what will be the consequences when we are able to prove the validity of the resurrection of Jesus?

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST IS ONE OF THE FOUNDATION STONES OF CHRISTIANITY. IT WAS THE SEAL OF THE GREAT WORK THAT HE CAME ON EARTH TO DO. IT WAS THE CROWNING PROOF THAT THE RANSOM HE PAID FOR SINNERS WAS ACCEPTED, THE ATONEMENT FOR SIN ACCOMPLISHED, THE HEAD OF HIM WHO HAD THE POWER OF DEATH BRUISED, AND THE VICTORY WON.

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10. In your own words, what impact does the fact of the resurrection have upon your faith?