
No Resurrection? No Way.
1 Corinthians 15:12–28
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Introduction

A. Context: Some were denying the bodily resurrection of believers.

I. If Christ was not raised then: 1 Corinthians 15:12–19

A. Your faith is in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:14; John 2:18–21; Romans 1:3–4

B. We are false witnesses. 1 Corinthians 15:15

C. You are still in your sins and the dead are condemned. 1 Corinthians 15:17–18

D. We who believe are to be pitied. 1 Corinthians 15:19

II. But Christ has been raised as our representative. 1 Corinthians 15:20–22

III. A preview of things to come. 1 Corinthians 15:23–28

Questions for reflection:

- *Why is it fatal to Christian faith to deny the resurrection of Christ?*
- *Why is the resurrection so important?*
- *How does the resurrection of Jesus serve as a paradigm for what is to come?*
- *Can you think of examples of how the biblical idea of a resurrection has permeated our culture?*