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# First Things First

*1 Corinthians 15:1-22*



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# The Resurrection Of Jesus Is The Core Belief Of The Gospel And Life

- The Gospel: *Lit= Good News (Death, Burial, Resurrection of Jesus)*
- Received: *Lit = To take to oneself; to hold or possess*
- Take your stand: *Take a position and not be moved*
- Believe in vain: *Anything else is empty/pointless*



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# The Resurrection Of Jesus Is A Confirmed Reality

## 5 Alternate Theories

- Hallucination
- Legend/Myth
- Swoon
- Stolen Body
- Fake conversions for influence



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## Paul Provides 3 Confirmations

- Prophecy confirms the Gospel
  - ~Psm 22:1-17 describes the crucifixion (1000 years before)
  - ~Is 53:3-7, 10 explains the “why” (700-800 years before)
  - ~Hosea 6:1-2 predicts the resurrection (700-800 years before)
- People confirmed the resurrection (Peter, the 12, 500, Paul)
- Personal testimony confirms the resurrection



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# The Resurrection Of Jesus Is Catastrophic When Rejected, Neglected or Delayed

If The Resurrection Is Not Accepted

- Preaching and faith are useless
- Those who say they saw Him are false witnesses
- If Jesus wasn't resurrected, we are still in our sin
- If Jesus wasn't resurrected, we have believed in vain, pitied



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## Luke 14:16-24

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet, he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'



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# What About YOU? What Have YOU Done With The Resurrection Of Jesus?

- Have you rejected, neglected or ignored it?
- Have you accepted it...but drifted?



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