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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. 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. 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 NIV



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Point 1: If There Is No Resurrection, Our Faith Has No Foundation



And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:17 NIV



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Multitudes who sleep in the
dust of the earth will awake:
some to everlasting life,
others to shame and
everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:2 NIV



Point 2: The Resurrection of Jesus Guarantees The Resurrection of His People



But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits 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.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 NIV



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“Speak to the Israelites and say to them:
‘When you enter the land I am going to
give you and you reap its harvest, bring to
the priest a sheaf of the first grain you
harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before the
Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf;
the priest is to wave it on the day after the
Sabbath.

Leviticus 23:10-11 NIV



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Point 3: The Reality of the Resurrection Should Transform How We Live Today



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? 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? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” 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.

1 Corinthians 15:29–34 NIV



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I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18 NIV



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