

Exposing the Myth of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-19

The Resurrection is a matter of “First Importance” (3-8)

Christ died (3) ... he was buried (4)

Christ rose (4) ... he appeared (5-8)

If the Resurrection didn’t occur, what might have happened?

Christ “swooned,” only to revive later

The disciples stole the body on Sunday morning

The soldiers conspired with the disciples to steal Jesus’ corpse

The disciples went to the wrong tomb

If the Resurrection is a myth, what have we lost?

Our faith is lost (14, 17)

Our forgiveness is lost (17)

Our future is lost (19)

Our family and friends who embrace the Christian message and then died are lost (18)

Our integrity is lost (15)

Evidence for the Resurrection

The empty tomb (4)

The post-resurrection appearances (5-8)

The changed lives of the early followers of Christ (9-11)

Conclusions

Our faith is not futile, but well-placed

Our forgiveness is not lost, but complete

Our future is not hopeless, but hope-filled

Our family and friends who have died in Christ are safe in the arms of Jesus

Our integrity is not compromised, but maintained

HE IS NOT DEAD. HE IS RISEN INDEED!