

The Lord has Risen

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Introduction

Luke 24:34 records the reaction of Cleopas
who exclaimed

“It is true! The Lord has risen.”



Today, we will talk about the risen Christ. We will look at the monumental importance of Jesus' death and resurrection, and its significance to the believers.



It is important to look into some of the evidences of Jesus' resurrection from the dead because this event is one of the foundational doctrines of the Christian faith.



Matthew 12:38-40 records a discourse
between Jesus and the Pharisees.



Matthew 12:38-40

The Sign of Jonah

(38) Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we want to **see a sign from you.**”

(39) He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it **except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**

(40) For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be **three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**



In this account He gave the Pharisees a sign of His messiah-ship. And the sign Jesus gave was that He - the Son of Man - will die and be buried, and His body will remain 3 days and 3 nights in the grave, and that He will be raised back to life again after that time.



The resurrection of Jesus is important
because the scripture says in Romans
5:10:

“... we are saved by His life.”



The resurrection of Jesus is our evidence that Jesus is indeed the Messiah, there is life after death, and there is an eternal life that awaits the faithful.



Hence, resurrection from the death is the hope of every Christian – of every believer – who puts his/her faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Jesus assured us on this in John 6:39-44.



John 6:39-44

(39) And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but **raise them up at the last day.**

(40) For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, **and I will raise them up at the last day."**



John 6:39-44

(41) At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

(42) They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”



John 6:39-44

(43) “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered.

(44) “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and **I will raise them up at the last day.**”



Death on the Cross

Before we can show that Jesus rose from dead, we need to show first that He died.



Many people do not believe that Jesus died
and rose again from the dead.



Skeptics believe that Jesus faked his own death. One theory proposes that Jesus was possibly drugged and revived while in the tomb.



The Koran (Surah IV:157) claims Jesus did not die: “That they said (in boast), “We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah”—but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not.”



It is no miracle for a live man to walk all
around town and be seen by hundreds of
people.



For the Resurrection account to have merit,
Jesus had to die first.



The question we seek today is 'did Jesus die
on the cross'?



Below, are incontrovertible facts from the scripture that Jesus actually died on the cross contrary to arguments of the skeptics:



1. Crucifixion is a slow, cruel and painful death. The victim is left to hang for several days until eventual death from exhaustion and asphyxiation.



In order to breath, the victim would have to draw himself up supported by his feet. The Roman executioners break the victim's legs in order to hasten the death.



Once deprived of support and unable to lift himself up, the victim would die within a few minutes.



The Scripture is clear to state that the Roman executioners broke everyone's legs except that of Jesus.



There was no doubt in the mind of the executioners that Jesus was then dead.



John 19:31-33

(31) Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.



John 19:31-33

(32) The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.

(33) But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.



2. The Roman executioners made sure that Jesus is dead, thus they pierced a spear through His heart thereby ensuring His death.



If He was not dead then, He surely is dead now. There is no mistaking that the Roman soldiers assigned to Golgotha where professional executioners. They don't make mistakes. The wound from the spear is fatal.



If anyone doesn't believe that, I challenge him to an actual live test. I will pierce him through his ribs with a spear with water and blood oozing out of his side, and if he lives without medical attention, I will give him P10,000.00. Not too much money, for a guy who insists that Jesus did not die from the wound might be willing to try.



John 19:34

(34) Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.



3. Pilate was surprised that Jesus died shortly six hours after crucifixion. Pilate wanted assurance that Jesus was dead before releasing the body to Joseph of Arimathea for burial.



To be certain, he summoned the centurion to confirm the report. There is no mistaking that Jesus was dead on the stake.



Mark 15:42-45

The Burial of Jesus

(42) It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached,

(43) Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.



Mark 15:42-45

(44) Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died.

(45) When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph.



Evidence of Resurrection

Now, we know that Jesus was crucified and
He died on the stake.



The resurrection of Jesus is a fundamental and essential doctrine of Christianity. The resurrection of Jesus is so important that without it Christianity is false.



For this reason, we preach boldly about
Christ and the power of the resurrection.
Let us take a look at His resurrection.



The Greatest Proof

In my opinion, the greatest proof of the resurrection is the church!



The church is the assembly of the faithful – it is YOU! You are the living evidence that Jesus rose from the dead.



Allow me to explain and prove to you that
you are the living proof of the living Christ!



The story begins in Luke 23:13-24.



Luke 23:13-24

(13) Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people,

(14) and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him.



Luke 23:13-24

(15) Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death.

(16) Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.” [17]



Luke 23:13-24

(18) But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!”

(19) (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)



Luke 23:13-24

(20) Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again.

(21) But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”



Luke 23:13-24

(22) For the third time he spoke to them:
“Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”



Luke 23:13-24

(23) But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.

(24) So Pilate decided to grant their demand.



Pontius Pilate gave into the demand of the mob by crucifying Jesus. After the crucifixion something happened – the tomb was empty.



Matthew 28:11-15

The Guards' Report

- (11) While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.
- (12) When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money,
- (13) telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’”



Matthew 28:11-15

(14) If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”

(15) So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.



The story that Jesus' disciples carried away the body was being spread out.



Thus, almost everyone in Jerusalem at that time knew about the empty tomb. It was the hot news at the time.



Then came Pentecost Day.
The event of that day was very revealing.
Join me in Acts chapter 2-4.



Acts 2:5-6

(5) Now, there were staying in Jerusalem **God-fearing Jews** from **every nation** under heaven.

(6) When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.



Acts 2:22-24

(22) “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

(23) This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and **you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death** by nailing him to the cross.

(24) But **God raised him from the dead**, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.



Acts 2:31-33

(31) Seeing what was to come, he (King David) spoke of the **resurrection of the Messiah**, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.

(32) **God has raised this Jesus to life**, and we are **all witnesses** of it.

(33) Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.



Acts 2:36-41

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, **whom you crucified**, both Lord and Messiah.”

(37) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, **“Brothers, what shall we do?”**

(38) Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Acts 2:36-41

(39) The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

(40) With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

(41) Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about **three thousand** were added to their number that day.



Acts 3:11-16

(11) While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

(12) When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"



Acts 3:11-16

(13) The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. **You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate**, though he had decided to let him go.

(14) **You disowned the Holy and Righteous One** and asked that a murderer be released to you.



Acts 3:11-16

(15) You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

(16) By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.



Acts 4:4

(4) ... many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about **five thousand**.



Acts 5:42

(42) Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that **Jesus is the Messiah.**



Acts 6:7

(7) So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a **large number of priests became obedient to the faith.**



This is an incredible story. 5,000 people were baptized within a few days and a large number of priests too became obedient to the faith!



Most of the believers were the people who shouted “crucify him, crucify him” and the priests who may have known the cover-up story about the stolen body.



(Q) What convicted these people to repent and be baptized?

(A) It was the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus that converted them!



Consider these events:

- They demanded the death of Christ
- Saw Jesus pierced with a spear on the side
- Saw him die on the cross/tree
- Saw him embalmed according to the Jewish tradition
- Saw him put inside the tomb
- Knew He resurrected after 3 days as He himself had predicted.



Here

is the proof of the resurrection of Jesus.



Many, thousands, even the priests accepted
the facts – the evidences resurrection -
and believed in Jesus



The prevailing evidence of Jesus' resurrection was unassailable and beyond refute.



These people demanded Jesus' death, saw Jesus' crucified and knew with certainty Jesus resurrected from the dead. They were all first hand eye-witnesses!



The greatest proof of Jesus' resurrection lies in the story of the church - the story of the people who believed that God raised Jesus from the dead.



The early Christians were convicted to the faith because they can't deny the proof of the resurrection that stared them in the face.



Today, 2000 years apart from the
events, the Scriptures assure us that
indeed
our Lord has risen.



Gamaliel said it all when he declared in
Acts 5:27-39.



Acts 5:27-39

(27) The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.

(28) “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

(29) Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!



Acts 5:27-39

(30) The God of our ancestors **raised Jesus from the dead** — whom **you killed by hanging him on a cross.**

(31) God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

(32) **We are witnesses** of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”



Acts 5:27-39

(33) When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

(34) But a Pharisee named **Gamaliel**, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.

(35) Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men.



Acts 5:27-39

(36) Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.

(37) After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered.



Acts 5:27-39

(38) Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail.

(39) **But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”**



Ordinarily after the death of its leader, the movement resides into remission and eventually dies down.



But, the transformation and courage of the disciples and the early converts was remarkable.



They took on the kind of bravery and boldness never seen before. The realization of a risen Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit vitalize their zeal for God.



They beheld the evidence of life and glory of the resurrection! That was why Peter witnessed saying in 2 Peter 1:16.



2 Peter 1:16

(16) For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were **eyewitnesses of his majesty.**



After the resurrection to life, Jesus appeared
in numerous occasions to the disciples.



Acts 1:3-11

- (3) After his suffering, he **presented himself to them** and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period **of forty days** and spoke about **the kingdom of God**.
- (4) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.



Acts 1:3-11

- (5) For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
- (6) Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”



Acts 1:3-11

(7) He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

(8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



Acts 1:3-11

- (9) After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.
- (10) They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.



Acts 1:3-11

(11) “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”



Jesus appeared to the disciples over a period of 40 days and He taught them everything about the Kingdom of God.



Again, we read of the same account in
1 Corinthians 15:1-8.



1 Corinthians 15:1-8

The Resurrection of Christ

- (1) Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.
- (2) By this gospel you are saved, if you **hold firmly to the word I preached to you.** Otherwise, you have believed in vain.



1 Corinthians 15:1-8

- (3) For what I received I passed on to you as of **first importance**: that Christ **died** for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- (4) that he **was buried**, that he **was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures**,
- (5) and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.



1 Corinthians 15:1-8

(6) After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

(7) Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

(8) and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.



After that, Jesus ascended to heaven.
Stephen witnessed and saw Jesus at the
right hand of God in heaven.



Acts 7:55-56

(55) But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God.**

(56) “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the **Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.**”



Now, as Paul said, Jesus is in heaven
interceding for us.



Romans 8:34

(34) Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—**is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**



He is now the High Priest of God to whom
we can approach.



Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus the Great High Priest

(14) Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

(15) For we do not **have a high priest** who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.



Hebrews 4:14-16

(16) Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



Hope of Resurrection

As Christians, our hope is in the resurrection
from death to a glorious eternal life in
Christ.



This was the message of hope that the Apostles were convicted with as they went about town witnessing and preaching about the Kingdom of God.



Acts 4:33

(33) With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all



Philippians 3:10

(10) I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,



Jesus' resurrection from the dead is a landmark event. Jesus' resurrection proves beyond any doubt about His deity as the Son of God.



Beyond the proof of messiah-ship, it does the following things. Let us consider 1 Corinthians 15 – a whole chapter concerning the hope of resurrection:



This is the gospel that we need to firmly hold on to; according to Apostle Paul.



1 Corinthians 15: 1-2

The Resurrection of Christ

- (1) Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.
- (2) By this gospel you **are saved**, if you **hold firmly** to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.



Jesus is the living proof that there is life after death through the process of resurrection from the dead.



1 Corinthians 15: 3-19

(3) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

(4) that he was buried, that he **was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,**



1 Corinthians 15: 3-19

(9) For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

(10) But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

(11) Whether, then, it is I or they, this is **what we preach, and this is what you believed.**



1 Corinthians 15: 3-19

The Resurrection of the Dead

(12) 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?

(13) If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.



1 Corinthians 15: 3-19

(14) And **if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.**

(15) 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.



1 Corinthians 15: 3-19

(16) For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

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



1 Corinthians 15: 3-19

(18) Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

(19) If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.



Jesus is the first man to be
resurrected from among the dead.



1 Corinthians 15: 20-22

(20) But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep.

(21) For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

(22) For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.



1 Corinthians 15: 23

The saints will be resurrected when
Jesus returns.



1 Corinthians 15: 23

(23) But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, **when he comes, those who belong to him.**



All the power and authority of the resurrection points to God the Father.



1 Corinthians 15: 24-28

(24) Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

(25) For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

(26) The last enemy to be destroyed is death.



1 Corinthians 15: 24-28

(27) For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.

(28) When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.



Assurance of a resurrection. The reason we believe and are baptized is because of our hope in the resurrection from the dead. It is for the same reason that the Apostles risk their lives for the gospel; all with the firm assurance of the resurrection.



1 Corinthians 15: 29-34

(29) 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?

(30) And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour?

(31) I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord.



1 Corinthians 15: 29-34

(32) 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.”



1 Corinthians 15: 29-34

(33) Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

(34) 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.



The dead will be raised in power and
glory.



1 Corinthians 15: 35-44

The Resurrection Body

(35) But someone will ask, “**How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?**”

(36) How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.



1 Corinthians 15: 35-44

(37) When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

(38) But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.



1 Corinthians 15: 35-44

(39) Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another.

(40) There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another.



1 Corinthians 15: 35-44

(41) The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.



1 Corinthians 15: 35-44

(42) So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;

(43) it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

(44) it is sown a natural body, **it is raised a spiritual body.**



The saints shall bear the image of
Christ at the resurrection.



1 Corinthians 15: 45-50

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

(45) So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

(46) The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.



1 Corinthians 15: 45-50

(47) The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.

(48) As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.



1 Corinthians 15: 45-50

(49) And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we **bear the image of the heavenly man.**

(50) I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.



Resurrection is our victory over death.



1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

(51) Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—

(52) in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.



1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

(53) For the perishable must clothe itself with **the imperishable**, and the mortal with **immortality**.

(54) When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”



1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

(55) “Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

(56) The sting of death is sin, and the power
of sin is the law.

(57) But thanks be to God! He gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ



Christians are encouraged to stand
firm in the hope of the
resurrection.



1 Corinthians 15: 58

(58) Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, **stand firm**. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.



Summation

The Lord has risen.



The one sign of His messiah-ship Jesus gave was: He will die, be buried for 3 days and 3 nights and after that be resurrected on the third day. His claim was precise and specific.



After His resurrection, Jesus showed Himself to many people including His family, Apostles, disciples and to Paul.



Many people saw Jesus alive and many thousands were witnesses of the fact.



The resurrection is our living hope in Christ Jesus. We believe that there is a glorious inheritance that awaits the faithful.



1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise to God for a Living Hope

(3) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a **living hope** through the **resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

(4) and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

(5) who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.



1 Peter 1:3-9

(6) In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

(7) These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.



1 Peter 1:3-9

- (8) Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, **you believe in him** and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,
- (9) for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



Christianity is alive today, because the resurrection of Jesus is true and we are the living proof of the living church whom our Lord Jesus Christ is the head.



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