
Easter Special: The Resurrection I Corinthians 15:1-26, 35-49

Topic: The word Easter is in the bible only once, and it's mistranslated. It should be Passover. Easter is a word that came from a pagan source. We celebrate the resurrection. Everything we believe is based on the resurrection. We would have no faith without it. Christ had to be born, crucified, died, and resurrected. This one action proved He was who He said He was. If He had committed even one minute sin, even a thought of a sin, Christ would still be in the tomb. But He didn't, so He rose, and this is what we celebrate. Christians alone are the only faith on the face of the earth that has a living God.

Vs1-6: These verses tell how Christ preached the Gospel, saved His people, died for our sins, and rose on the third day according to scriptures. Cephas is another name for Peter. 500 people witnessed to seeing Christ after the resurrection.

Vs7-11: Everyday we sign a date on a document; we declare that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Russia is the only government set up to deny Jesus, but their money, and our money, have a date on it that claims that Jesus was resurrected.

Vs12: How can anyone deny the resurrection?

Vs13-16: if you deny the resurrection, then your faith is in vain.

Vs17: if Christ just died and was still in the grave, then we are still in our sins and all is in vain. There is no hope.

Vs18: all your lost ones will perish, too, if there was no resurrection.

Vs19: if Christ is really not risen, then we above all people who believe in Him are to be pitied above all the people of the earth.

Vs20-26: there is coming a time when there will be no more death. Christ was resurrected, and all men who believe on Him shall be forgiven the sins brought on by Adam, and then the last enemy Death will be defeated.

Vs35: How are the dead raised up?

Vs36-37: Everything that is born on the earth begets its own kind. Our mortal bodies deteriorate and morph into an immortal body.

Vs38-41: everything has its own molecular structure, and each one is distinctively different

Vs42-44: Paul makes a comparison between earthly and heavenly bodies to the resurrection. Things are born in corruption and raised to glory. Regardless of what we look like when we die, we will be resurrected in glory.

Vs45-49: quickening means alive. The first man is an earthling; the second man is of the heavens. We bear the image of the earthly right now, and we have something that bothers us about our body, and that reminds that we are human, earthling. We all need to die to be resurrected.

Secular History about the resurrection of Jesus Christ samples:

4th century Arabic text: talked about Jesus, how He was virtuous, and Pilates condemned Him to die and the apostles did not abandon Him, and that He rose on the third day and it was a wonder.

Roman Historian: this was written after Nero burned Rome, and Nero blamed the Christians. Nero was one of the most brutal torturers in history. He would take Christians, hang them on a cross alive in his garden, pour tar on them, and set them on fire at night and walk through his garden watching this torture. He was talking about a mischievous superstition, or resurrection, talking about Jesus Christ.

This is just showing that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was not just recorded in the bible, it was also recorded in secular history. Our dates are based on it.

John 21: 24-25: John is saying that all the deeds Jesus did were so many that they couldn't record them all in books. Jesus did much more good and many more miracles than what is recorded in the bible or secular history.