

SERMON NOTES
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Did Jesus Really RISE from the Dead?

I Corinthians 15

KEEP THIS RESURRECTION TRUTH IN MIND:

RESURRECTION SKEPTICS PROVIDE UNVERIFIED
ALTERNATIVE THEORIES; CHRIST-FOLLOWERS PROVIDE
FIRST CENTURY RESURRECTION EVIDENCE.

RESURRECTION EVIDENCE:

- * THE NEW TESTAMENT STORY IS NOT A LEGEND
- * THE NEW TESTAMENT STORY IS NOT AN EMBELLISHMENT
- * THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS WERE NOT DECEIVED

HOW SKEPTICS ATTEMPT TO DENY THE RESURRECTION

"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?" **1 Corinthians 15:12 (NIV)**

HALLUCINATION THEORY

WRONG TOMB THEORY

THE SWOON THEORY: (APPEARED DEAD)

THE STOLEN BODY THEORY

WHAT DOES JESUS' RESURRECTION MEAN TO ME?

"But now Christ is risen from the dead..... " **I Corinthians 15:20 (NIV)**

Because of the resurrection of Jesus.....

What the apostles preached was verified.

"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." **I Corinthians 15:15 (NIV)**

I can be forgiven of my sins.

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." **I Corinthians 15: 17 (NIV)**

Those who have died in faith have not perished.

"Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost."
1 Corinthians 15:18 (NIV)

WHAT GOD DID FOR ME!

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, 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.” **1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (NIV)**

GOD INVADED THE ENEMY’S TERRITORY: _____