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WHY WAS JESUS RESURRECTED?

(1 Corinthians 15:1 - 20)

(v1-2) IT'S INCLUDED IN THE GOSPEL ("GOOD NEWS")

"the gospel I which I preached ... you received ... you stand ... you are saved ... hold fast"

(v3-4) "I DELIVERED TO YOU ... THAT WHICH I ALSO RECEIVED"

"that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" - (John 19:33; Acts 2:23)

"that He was buried" - (Mark 15:42-47)

"that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" - (Acts 2:32)

(v5-8) PROOF PRESENTED BY WITNESSES (too many shows no deception)

Here is presented a more complete list of witnesses:

Women saw the tomb empty, ran, and Jesus met them (Matthew 28:9)

Apostle Peter (Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5)

Two disciples on a road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-27)

Ten disciples (Thomas absent) (Luke 24:36-43)

Eleven disciples (Thomas present) (John 20:24-29)

"Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias" (John 21:1)

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee ... they saw Jesus ... " (Matt. 28:16-20)

"He was seen by over 500 brethren at once" (1 Cor. 15:6)

"After that He was seen by James" (1 Cor. 15:7)

"then by all the apostles" (1 Cor. 15:7)

"Then last of all He was seen by me also" (1 Cor. 15:8) (Acts 9:5, 22:14, 26:16)

(v12) "NOW IF CHRIST IS PREACHED THAT HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, HOW DO SOME AMONG YOU SAY THAT THERE IS NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD?"

1. (v13, v16) "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen"
2. (v14) "then our preaching is empty" ("vain") - it becomes mere words.
3. (v14, v17) "and your faith is also empty" - it's fruitless to believe in a resurrection.
4. (v15) "Yes, and we are found witnesses of God" - our testimony is a lie.
"because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ"
5. (v17) "you are still in your sins" - there is no offer of forgiveness of sins.
6. (v18) "Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished" - done.
7. (v19) "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable"

(v20) "BUT NOW CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND HAS BECOME THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP"