

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
(1 Corinthians 15:1-23)

I. The EVIDENCE of Christ's Resurrection

A. His APPEARANCES after His Resurrection

1. To MARY MAGDALENE and other WOMEN (Mt. 28:8-10; Mk. 16:9-10; Jn. 20:11-18)
2. To PETER (Lk. 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5)
3. To the DISCIPLES on the Emmaus Road (Mk. 16:12)
4. To the DISCIPLES without THOMAS in the Upper Room (Jn. 20:19-25)
5. To the DISCIPLES with THOMAS the next SUNDAY (Jn. 20:26-29)
6. To SEVEN disciples by the SEA OF GALILEE (Jn. 21:1-24)
7. To the APOSTLES and more than 500 believers, including Jesus' half-brother JAMES (1 Cor. 15:6-7)
8. To those who witnessed the ASCENSION (Acts 1:3-12)

B. EFFECTS which must have a CAUSE

1. The TOMB was EMPTY (Jn. 20:1-10)
2. The CHURCH was ESTABLISHED (Acts 2:33)
3. The DAY of worship was CHANGED (Acts 20:7)
4. The DISCIPLES went from being FRIGHTENED and CONFUSED to being FEARLESS and CONVINCING

## II. The RESULTS of Christ's Resurrection

- A. A RESURRECTION BODY, which was a prototype of our own RESURRECTION BODIES (1 Cor. 15:35-41)
  - 1. Not necessarily DIFFERENT, but more evidently INCORRUPTIBLE
  - 2. Related to the NATURAL but SUPERIOR
- B. A PROOF of His CLAIMS (Rom. 1:4)
  - 1. DIVINITY
  - 2. AUTHORITY
  - 3. POWER
- C. A prerequisite to all His subsequent MINISTRIES (Rom. 6:9-10)
  - 1. DELIVERER (1 Pet. 3:18-22)
  - 2. INTERCESSOR (Heb. 7:24-25)
  - 3. JUDGE (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-12)

## III. The IMPORTANCE of Christ's Resurrection

- A. It AUTHENTICATES Jesus as a true PROPHET (Mt. 20:19; 28:6)
- B. It PERMITS Jesus' post-resurrection ministries, enabling VICTORY over SIN and DEATH (Rom. 6:1-10; Gal. 2:20)
- C. It COMPLETES the GOSPEL message (1 Cor. 15:3-8; Rom. 4:25)
- D. It VALIDATES our WITNESS (1 Cor. 15:13-18)
- E. It ESTABLISHES our HOPE (1 Cor. 15:19-20)