



VOCABULARY

The most important teaching of the Bible is that Jesus Christ of Nazareth died on the cross and arose three days later. Upon these facts rest all the other teachings of the Bible.

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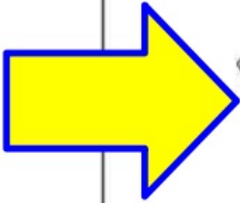
Dead, Yet Alive

Read John 20 and complete the following story by unscrambling the words beneath each blank:

When _____ came early to the tomb on the first day of the week and found the stone taken away, she ran to _____ and another _____ and told them, "They have taken away the _____ and we know not where they have laid Him!"

Later that evening _____ came and spoke peace to them. Then the _____ were overjoyed when they saw the _____ was not with them. He said he would not believe until he saw and touched the print of the _____ in Jesus' _____

A week later, _____ came to them again, and _____ saw Him. Now he believed, calling Jesus, "My _____ and my _____!"



Proofs For Christ's Resurrection

Look again at the following verses from John 20 to find three things Mary, Peter, and John saw that made them know Jesus Christ had truly risen from the dead:

- The stone taken away (vs. 1)
- The linen strips lying there (vs. 6)
- The cloth from His head folded together in a place by itself (vs. 7)

There are many who would deny that Christ is alive today. They say there is no proof. Christ was not seen by just a couple of people who may or may not have been reliable witnesses. He was seen by hundreds of people who knew about His crucifixion and death.

Read the verses listed below and identify the people by name or by number who actually saw Christ after His death and resurrection.

Verses	Who saw Christ after His resurrection?
Mark 16:9	Mary Magdalene
Luke 24:34	Simon (Peter)
Matthew 28:16-17	The eleven disciples
1 Corinthians 15:6	About 500 believers
Acts 1:1-9	The apostles

Read Acts 1:9-11 and explain in your own words what these witnesses saw happen.

Christ was taken up in a cloud to Heaven. Two men (angels) told the apostles that Christ would come back one day in the same way they had seen Him go into Heaven.

The Importance Of The Resurrection

If there were no resurrection and Christ had not risen from the grave, it would mean that He is still dead. We would not be able to pray to Him. We would not be able to look forward to being with Him in heaven. We would not have forgiveness for our sins. We would not be able to look forward to His return for us.

Read these verses and answer the these questions that explain how important these facts are.

- 1 Corinthians 15:14. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then what would have to be said about having faith in Him? It is useless.

- 1 Corinthians 15:15. What kind of witnesses would the early apostles have been if Christ were still dead? False witnesses
- 1 Corinthians 15:17. If Christ is not raised, then in what condition do we find ourselves?
We are still in our sins.
- 1 Corinthians 15:18. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then what has happened to those who have died? They are lost.
- 1 Corinthians 15:19. What does this verse say about a Christian who does not have a risen Savior? **He is to be pitied more than all men.**



Lesson 13 Quiz—The Resurrection Of Christ

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1–4. Name four people or groups of people who saw Christ after His resurrection.

- _____
- _____
- _____
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5. Which disciple would not believe Christ had been raised from the dead until he could see and touch the wounds in Christ's hands and side? _____

Circle true or false in response to each of the following statements:

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| 6. | True | False | If Christ had not risen from the dead, our faith would be in vain (for nothing). |
| 7. | True | False | The early apostles would have been false witnesses if the resurrection were not true. |
| 8. | True | False | If Christ had not risen from the dead, we would not be forgiven of our sins. |
| 9. | True | False | If Christ had not risen from the dead, all who have died, whether they had trusted in God or not, would have already be lost. |
| 10. | True | False | Of all men on earth, we who believe in Christ would be the most pitiful if Christ had not risen from the dead. |