

1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,
how can some of you say that
there is no resurrection of the dead?

But if there is no resurrection of the dead,
then not even Christ has been raised.
And if Christ has not been raised,
then our preaching is in vain
and your faith is in vain.

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We are even found to be misrepresenting God,
because we testified about God
that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise
if it is true that the dead are not raised.

For if the dead are not raised,
not even Christ has been raised.

And if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile
and you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ
have perished.

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If in this life only we have hoped in Christ,
we are of all people most to be pitied.

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But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For as by a man came death,
by a man has come also
the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
But each in his own order:
Christ the firstfruits,
then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Evidence of the Resurrection

1. Old Testament prophesy (e.g., Isaiah 53)

Isaiah 53:1-12

He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:1-12

But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement
that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned everyone to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all...

Isaiah 53:1-12

By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Isaiah 53:1-12

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring;
he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isaiah 53:1-12

Out of the anguish of his soul
he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall
the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities...

He poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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For I delivered to you as of first importance
what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures,
and that he appeared to Cephas,
then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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Mark 16:6-7

And he said to them,

“Do not be alarmed.

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He has risen; he is not here.

See the place where they laid him.

“But go, tell his disciples and Peter
that he is going before you to Galilee.

There you will see him,
just as he told you.”

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must be the truth.”

~Sherlock Holmes

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3. The Radically Changed Lives of the Apostles

John 21:1-3

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.

Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.

Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

John 21:4-6

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore;
yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
Jesus said to them,

“Children, do you have any fish?”

They answered him, “No.”

He said to them,

“Cast the net on the right side of the boat,
and you will find some.”

So they cast it,

and now they were not able to haul it in,
because of the quantity of fish.

John 21:7-8

That disciple whom Jesus loved
therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord,
he put on his outer garment,
for he was stripped for work,
and threw himself into the sea.

The other disciples came in the boat,
dragging the net full of fish,
for they were not far from the land,
but about a hundred yards off.

John 21:9-11

When they got out on land,
they saw a charcoal fire in place,
with fish laid out on it, and bread.

Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish
that you have just caught.”

So Simon Peter went aboard
and hauled the net ashore,
full of large fish, 153 of them.
And although there were so many,
the net was not torn.

John 21:12-14

Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”

Now none of the disciples dared ask him,
“Who are you?”

They knew it was the Lord.

Jesus came and took the bread
and gave it to them,
and so with the fish.

This was now the third time
that Jesus was revealed to the disciples
after he was raised from the dead.

John 21:15

When they had finished breakfast,
Jesus said to Simon Peter,
“Simon, son of John,
do you love me more than these?”

He said to him,
“Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.”

He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

Matthew 26:33

Peter answered him,

“Though *they* all fall away because of you,
I will never fall away.”

John 21:16

He said to him a second time,
“Simon, son of John,
do you love me?”

He said to him,
“Yes, Lord;
you know that I love you.”

He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

John 21:17

He said to him the third time,
“Simon, son of John,
do you love me?”

Peter was grieved because he said to him
the third time, “Do you love me?”
and he said to him,
“Lord, you know everything;
you know that I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

John 21:18-19

“Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”
(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.)

And after saying this he said to him,
“Follow me.”

John 21:20-22

Peter turned and saw
the disciple whom Jesus loved following them,
the one who had been reclining
at table close to him and had said,
“Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?”
When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus,
“Lord, what about this man?”

Jesus said to him,
“If it is my will that he remain until I come,
what is that to you?
You follow me!”

John 21:23

So the saying spread abroad among the brothers
that this disciple was not to die;
yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die,
but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come,
what is that to you?”

John 21:24-25

This is the disciple
who is bearing witness about these things,
and who has written these things,
and we know that his testimony is true.

Now there are also many other things
that Jesus did.

Were every one of them to be written,
I suppose that the world itself
could not contain the books
that would be written.

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!