

Easter Sunday Message: April 17, 2022

Real People. Real Church. Real Grace.

The (Real or Imagined) Resurrection of Jesus | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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Passage Exploration Questions

The primary translation our pastors use on Sunday morning is the ESV. You may find it helpful to use the ESV along with corresponding notes in the ESV Study Bible when reflecting on the questions below.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

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Why does Paul clarify the gospel in I Corinthians 15:1-11?
See I Corinthians 15:12.

2

What do we learn about the gospel according to I Corinthians 15:1-5? Consider the following:

- Who does the gospel refer to and what is the central message of the gospel in terms of what God has done in human history? (15:3-4)

- How did the gospel message come to the people of Corinth? (15:1, 3)

- How did the church in Corinth respond to the gospel?
How does “holding fast” relate to faith/belief? (15:1-2,11)
- What does it mean to hold fast to the word/message concerning the gospel of Christ? What does the “if you” imply in 15:2 (see also John 8:31; Colossians 1:23; Hebrews 3:14)?
- Concerning those who receive the gospel, what are they saved from? How does being saved relate to “Christ died for our sins”? (15:2-3; Genesis 1-3)
- What does the death, burial, and resurrection affirm about Christ’s ability to save us from our sins?
- What does the appearance of witnesses verify about the gospel? (15:5-11)
- Bonus Question: How does knowing Christ and knowing what he has done in human history relate to Paul’s central argument concerning the theme of resurrection in I Corinthians 15?

Application & Spiritual Formation Questions

1 If Paul was used by God to preach and deliver the message of the gospel, what might this suggest about how God uses us in communicating the gospel to others?

2 Many argue that I Corinthians 15:1-5 outlines the essentials of gospel message. What are the central non-negotiables / teachings of the gospel? How does that shape our understanding and communication of the gospel?

3 Pastor Danny said that Christ, via His death and resurrection, is the path to eternal life. How does this statement challenge and encourage you? What steps might you take in terms of belief, repentance, confession, or praise?