

1 Corinthians 15:14

...If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

1 Corinthians 15:32

If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

➤ **The resurrection as an historical event.**

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

"Reality is what you run into when you are wrong." – Dallas Willard

"Our failure to think deeply means that we shrink our world to the size of our attention span and our desires." – Jon Tyson

How can we know that this is grounded in historical reality?

- the empty tomb
- the eyewitnesses
- the radical change in the lives of Jesus' early followers

"Christianity was a movement begun by Jews in Jerusalem not because they were all tired of Judaism and wanted to invent something new. It was birthed because they experienced such a life-changing experience interacting with Christ...the resurrection, its historical reality, itself grounded faith in Jesus as Messiah." – Sean McDowell

➤ **The resurrection as a window into the future.**

1 Corinthians 15:20-22,26

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive...26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

firstfruits = what happened to Jesus, will happen to all his followers; Jesus rose, we will rise

When you die in Jesus you don't go from "life to death", you go from "life to life"!

➤ **The resurrection as a promise that harnesses the power to change our lives.**

"A narrative is like a room on whose walls a number of false doors have been painted; while within the narrative, we have many apparent choices of exit, but when the author leads us to one particular door, we know it is the right one because it opens." – John Updike



In response to a question about why he said “yes” to Jesus:

"In answer to the historical query of why it was accepted, and is accepted, I answer for millions of others in my reply: because it fits the lock; because it is like life. It is one among many stories; only it happens to be a true story. It is one among many philosophies; only it happens to be the truth." – G.K. Chesterton