

**Hurstbourne Baptist Church: April 12, 2020**  
**“The Resurrection Changes Everything”**  
**Sermon Notes**

- **Sermon Outline**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:6, 12-18)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20-24)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:19, 25-26)

- **The Priority of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)**

- According to verse 3, the Doctrine of the Resurrection is of “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- “How to Make a Chicken Sandwich Without Chicken” by Emily Scott  
(<https://snapguide.com/guides/make-a-chicken-sandwich-without-chicken/>)

- **The Historicity of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:6, 12-18)**

- The bodily resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter morning was a \_\_\_\_\_ historical event.
  - Not a Hallucination
  - Not a Conspiracy
  - Not a Myth
- Without the real resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, preaching is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Without the real resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

- **The Theology of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20-24)**

- Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the resurrection.
- All who are “in Adam” will \_\_\_\_\_; all who “\_\_\_\_\_” to Christ will attain the resurrection.

- **The Hope of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:19, 25-26)**

- Hope needs a \_\_\_\_\_.
- For Christians, the foundation of our hope is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.
- Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ death.

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**Sermon Quotes<sup>1</sup>**

- “Preach [and live] as if Jesus was crucified yesterday, rose from the dead today, and is returning tomorrow” (Luther).
- “Proposing that Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead was just as controversial nineteen hundred years ago as it is today. The discovery that dead people stayed dead was not first made by the philosophers of the Enlightenment” (Wright, *The Resurrection of the Son of God*, 10).
- “Christianity does not hold the resurrection to be one among many tenets of belief. Without faith in the resurrection there would be no Christianity at all. The Christian church would never have begun; the Jesus-movement would have fizzled out like a damp squib [i.e., wet firework] with His execution. Christianity stands or falls with the truth of the resurrection. Once disprove it, and you have disposed of Christianity” (Green, *Man Alive*, 61).
- “The Christian church rests on the resurrection of its Founder. Without this fact the church could never have been born, or if born, it would soon have died a natural death. The miracle of the resurrection and the existence of Christianity are so closely connected that they must stand or fall together. If Christ was raised from the dead, then all his other miracles are sure, and our faith is impregnable; if he was not raised, he died in vain, and our faith is vain. It was only his resurrection that made his death available for our atonement, justification and salvation; without the resurrection, his death would be the grave of our hopes; we should be still unredeemed and under the power of our sins. A gospel of a dead Savior would be a contradiction and wretched delusion. This is the reasoning of St. Paul, and its force is irresistible. The resurrection of Christ is therefore emphatically a test question upon which depends the truth or falsehood of the Christian religion. It is either the greatest miracle or the greatest delusion which history records” (Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*, 202).
- “A little over a month before he died, the famous atheist Jean-Paul Sartre declared that he so strongly resisted feelings of despair that he would say to himself, ‘I know I shall die in hope.’ Then in profound sadness, he would add, ‘But hope needs a foundation.’” (*Our Daily Bread*; April 17, 1995).

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<sup>1</sup>Beloved Church family, you know by now that that I love a good quote! However, no theologian is perfect, and nobody’s theology is perfect. Only the Scriptures are perfect! If you read the works of any of these authors, please use discernment. I do not agree with many things that these men have written. Here is the rule: always test the wisdom of men by the unerring Word of God. God’s Word is our final authority for all matters of faith and doctrine. In Acts 17, Paul and Silas preached at the Jewish synagogue in Berea. The Bereans double checked everything that Paul preached by the Scriptures. According to Acts 17:11, “The Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”