

## MAIN POINT

*Without the resurrection, our faith is useless.*

## INTRODUCTION

Quite a few people in the Bible were resuscitated from the dead. Name a few you remember. What is the difference between “resuscitation” and “resurrection?”

Do you believe in the literal, bodily resurrection of Jesus? Why or why not?

**The gospel of Christ is the glorious message of salvation to all who believe. Jesus died for our sins, He was buried, and He was raised again to life on the third day. But is the resurrection literally true? Did Jesus really physically die and come back to life three days later, never to die again? Without the resurrection, the gospel is incomplete. Without the resurrection, Christ’s work on the cross is insufficient to provide for our eternal hope. The Bible does not waver in its proclamation of the physical resurrection of Jesus.**

## DISCUSSION

> **READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19.**

Why is believing in the resurrection essential for someone to understand the gospel?

Glance back at 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. What evidence did Paul give in these verses to verify the truthfulness of the resurrection?

Why do you think our faith is worthless if Christ has not been raised?

What obstacles kept the Corinthians from believing in the resurrection? What keeps people from believing today?

If the resurrection of the dead is not true, what impact does that have on our faith, forgiveness of sins, and the future of deceased believers?

Read verse 19. How should people feel about Christians if the resurrection is not true? Does this verse explain how some today feel about Christians?

What did Paul mean when he suggested that without the resurrection we only have hope in this life? Why is faith in a Jesus who did not rise from the dead insufficient?

Read Romans 1:4. What did the resurrection prove about Jesus’ identity?

## APPLICATION

What is one life situation you are struggling with right now? How can remembering the resurrection change your perspective on that situation?