



WHAT IF CHRIST DID (OR DID NOT) RESURRECT?

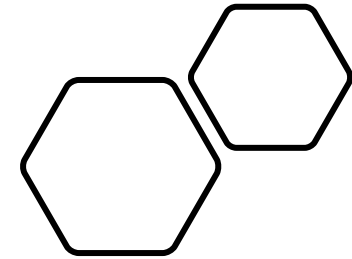
1 Corinthians 15:12-23



"If you believe that there's a heaven and a hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life, and you think that it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward...

—how much do you have to hate somebody to *not* proselytize? How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?

- Penn Jillette



What Would It Mean If Christ Didn't Resurrect From The Dead?

1. Christ Is Still In The Grave

¹² But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either.

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2. Christianity Is Purposeless

¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

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3. The Gospel Message Is A Lie

¹⁵ And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. ¹⁶ And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised.

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4. Our Christian Faith Is Useless

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5. Christians Are Still Facing Judgment For Our Sins

17b and you are still guilty of your sins.

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6. There Is No Afterlife And The Dead Are Doomed

¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost!

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7. Our Hopelessness Is To Be Pitied

¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

What Does It Mean If Christ Did “In Fact” Resurrect From The Dead?

1. Christ's Resurrection Is Based On Fact, Not Fairytale

20a But in fact,
Christ has been
raised from the
dead.

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2. Our Resurrection Hope Is Guaranteed By The Down Payment Of Christ's Resurrection

20b He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died... ²³ But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.

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3. There Is Victory Over Judgment In Death Through Christ

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Conclusion:

- A verdict about the resurrection must be rendered by you. Believe it, deny it, ignore it
What are the issues about Christ, His death and resurrection that you are struggling with?
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Conclusion:

- Saving faith trusts not only in Christ's death for our sins but His resurrection too.

- **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
- **Romans 4:25** who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.



Conclusion:

- Because there is a **resurrection**, there is hope in this life and eternity.
 - Heaven, Victory, Joy, Transformation (1 Jn 3:2),
Glory (Phil 3:21)
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