

1 Corinthians 15:14 (NLT) And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

1 Corinthians 15:14 (TLB) And if he is still dead, then all our preaching is useless and your trust in God is empty, worthless, hopeless;

Luke 24:1-8 (NKJV) ¹ Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ² But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³ Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. ⁵ Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷ saying, '**The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.**' " ⁸ And they remembered His words.

John 15:13 (NKJV) **Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NLT) ¹³ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. ¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words.

1 Corinthians 6:14 (NIV) By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

Matthew 26:28 (NLT) for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.

Romans 6:5 (NKJV) For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection,

All too often we don't want what Jesus wants for us as much as we want Jesus to want for us what we want for ourselves.

John 17:20 (TLB) "I am not praying for these alone but also for the future believers who will come to me because of the testimony of these.

John 17:1-3 (NIV) ¹ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 14:6 (NKJV) . . . I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Luke 22:59-62 (NIV) ⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "**Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.**" ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Luke 24:32-34 (NKJV) ³² And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" ³³ So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, **and has appeared to Simon!**" (Peter)

John 17:3 (NKJV) And this is eternal life, that they may **know** You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy set before him endured the cross**, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.