

## Questions

1. How large of a role does the resurrection of Jesus have in Paul's summary of the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8? Why?
2. Apart from the plain teaching of Scripture, what are some of the arguments for resurrection of Jesus Christ?
3. How does the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) speak against the possibility of someone working their way out of eternal judgment after they have died?
4. In Luke 16:31, what did Jesus say about the most authoritative instrument that God has given us for revealing His salvation? What does this say about our need to be diligent students of God's Word?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 4. How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ sustain you through opposition and hostility?



## Christ is Risen From the Dead

### Various Scriptures

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Since the day Jesus rose there have been opponents trying to debunk His resurrection (Matthew 28:11-15). There are good and valid historical arguments that make a case of Christ's resurrection, but ultimately, we must rely on the power of God's Word to lead people to faith in the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

...some of you say, "There is no resurrection of the dead." (1 Corinthians 15:12)

### Christ's Resurrection is Essential to the Gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

#### Considering the Resurrection From History and Other Sources :

1. Historians report that Jesus of Nazareth was crucified after being sentenced to execution by a Roman governor.

*After each service, if you need prayer,  
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

2. There's ample evidence that the first Christians believed in and proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus.

2a. Even secular historians saw Christians dying for their faith in Jesus Christ.

3. History has been forced to reckon with the fact that the tomb of Jesus was empty, and His body was never found.

3a. Even the disciples were initially skeptical that the empty tomb indicated a resurrection. It took Christ's appearances to change their minds.

Miraculous signs have a role, but they can never replace the authority of God's Word (Luke 16:29-31).

God made the universe and everything in it and has revealed Himself and His will through His Word so that we can know Him.

**Belief in the Resurrection Must Ultimately Be Grounded in the Authority of God's Word (Luke 16:19-31)**

Where a person goes after he or she dies is settled during this life. There is no changing that destination after death. (Luke 16:25-26).

**Christ's Resurrection is Essential to Faithfully Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4)**