

# WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

*Easter 2022*

If Jesus Had Not Been Resurrected

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**Truth:** If Jesus had not been resurrected, all hope of a blessed life here, and eternal life hereafter, would be lost.

- Acts 17:22; 4:10-12

1. If Jesus Christ had not been resurrected (1 Corinthians 15:13-19).

- Our theology would be absurd:
  - The Bible would be a book of lies.
  - Jesus would be a fraud.
  - The Gospel would be a sham.
  - Our faith would be absurd.
  - Our witness would be pointless.
- We would be doomed.
  - We would still be in our sin, condemned by God.
  - All Christians who have died would cease to exist.
  - There would be no hope for the future or forgiveness for the past.
  - We would be a people most pitied.

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2. Jesus Christ has been resurrected (1 Corinthians 15:20-23).

- Firstfruit: Jesus is the first to be resurrected, never to die again.
- Christians will also be resurrected (John 11:25-26).

- Psalm 90:3-10

- The order of our resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:23):

- At the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

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- The Tribulation (Revelation 6:1 - 19:21).

- At the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus Christ (Zechariah 14:1-11).

- The Millennial Kingdom (Isaiah 11:1 - 12:6).

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