**The Veracity of the Resurrection**

“Examining the evidence to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

**Text**: **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**, “Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, **2**and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. **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, **5**and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6**Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. **7**Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. **8**Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. **9**For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **10**But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. **11**Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. **English Standard Version**

*After examining the evidence to the resurrection, you must*…

**Point #1**: **Accept** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.3-4**

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**Point #2**: **Accept** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.5-7**

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**Point #3**: **Accept** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.8-11**

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**Point #4**: **Accept** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.1-2**

**Corollary Verses**: Hosea 6:2; Psalm 16:9-10; Jonah 1:17; Matthew 12:39-40; Isaiah 52:13-53-12; Matthew 27:62-66; Matthew 28:11-15; and Mark 3:20-21.

**Application Questions**  
These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Hosea 6:2**; **Psalm 16:9-10**; **Jonah 1:17;** **Matthew 12:39-40**; and **Mark 8:31** then answer the following questions. What other analogies/metaphors did Jesus use in the gospels to foretell of His death and resurrection? Would the testimony of Scripture hold up in a court of law, if you were arguing for the reality of the resurrection? If yes or no, explain your answer. Jonah is clearly a “type of Christ” when he was in the belly of the whale, how does this type of death and resurrection provide a foreshadowing for the New Testament?
2. Read **Matthew 18:15-20**; **Deuteronomy 19:15-21**; and **2 Corinthians 13:1-4** then answer the following questions. Why is it important to have multiple witnesses in order to establish the truth? How did Paul present his witnesses in **1 Corinthians 15:5-8**? Do you believe that his argument is valid, and would it be accepted in a municipal court of law? Have you ever appealed to the large number of eyewitnesses to prove the fact of the resurrection?
3. Read **Matthew 27:62-66**; **Matthew 28:11-15**; and **1 Corinthians 15:9** then answer the following questions. How does the testimony from the opposition help support the argument for the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Looking back at a text that was written two thousand years ago, what background information would be helpful in understanding the oppositions argument?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17**; **John 9:13-34**; and **1 Corinthians 15:9-10;** then answer the following questions. Do you think that the argument of a transformed life is a valid argument? How would you use it in defending your faith? Why is knowing your personal testimony important and why is it important when sharing your testimony to make it more about Jesus Christ and His transformative power than about you?