

## Sermon Notes

### Resurrection: we don't believe in vain

1 Corinthians 15:1-20

*Intro: Why be a Christian, is it really worth it? 15.19; 15.32; 15.58*

#### 1. Jesus really, actually, factually, physically rose from the dead

15.1-11

Four historical facts:

Multiple contemporary witnesses:

Prior divine explanation:

- So how then can you say that future, physical resurrection is simply impossible?! 15.12

#### 2. Do you realise, if there is no resurrection, *everything* collapses?!

15.13-19

No Christ; no gospel truth; no forgiveness; no eternal hope; no point

#### 3. But in fact Jesus was raised from the dead

15.20

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| → So believing...                | is not in vain (15:2, 14)    |
| → So assurance of forgiveness... | is not in vain (15:17)       |
| → So grieving with hope...       | is not in vain (15:18)       |
| → So costly gospel living...     | is not in vain (15:19,32,58) |

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| → Chs 1-4   | So looking foolish in this world...     | (e.g. 1.18-25, 4.8-21) |
| → Chs 5-7   | So living in holiness...                | (e.g. 6.9-20)          |
| → Chs 8-10  | So giving up rights to save others...   | (e.g. 10:31-11.1)      |
| → Chs 11-14 | So using gifts to build God's church... | (e.g. 13.1-14.12)      |

...IS NOT IN VAIN!!!