

1 Corinthians 15:5-8

[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.



1. Jesus' resurrection reveals Him as our Messiah King

Romans 1:3-4

[3] concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh [4] and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,



2. Jesus' resurrection is proof that His teaching was and is truth that we can trust

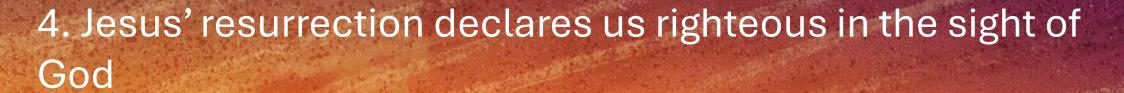
Acts 1:3-4

[3] He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.[4] And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father,

3. Jesus' resurrection confirms the forgiveness of sins

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

[16] For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. [17] And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. [18] Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. [19] If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.



Romans 4:23-25 [23] But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, [24] but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, [25] who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

5. Jesus' resurrection unites us with Christ and gives us a new life now and for eternity

Romans 6:4-6

[4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.[5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. [6] We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

6. Jesus' resurrection is the precedent and pattern for our own resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

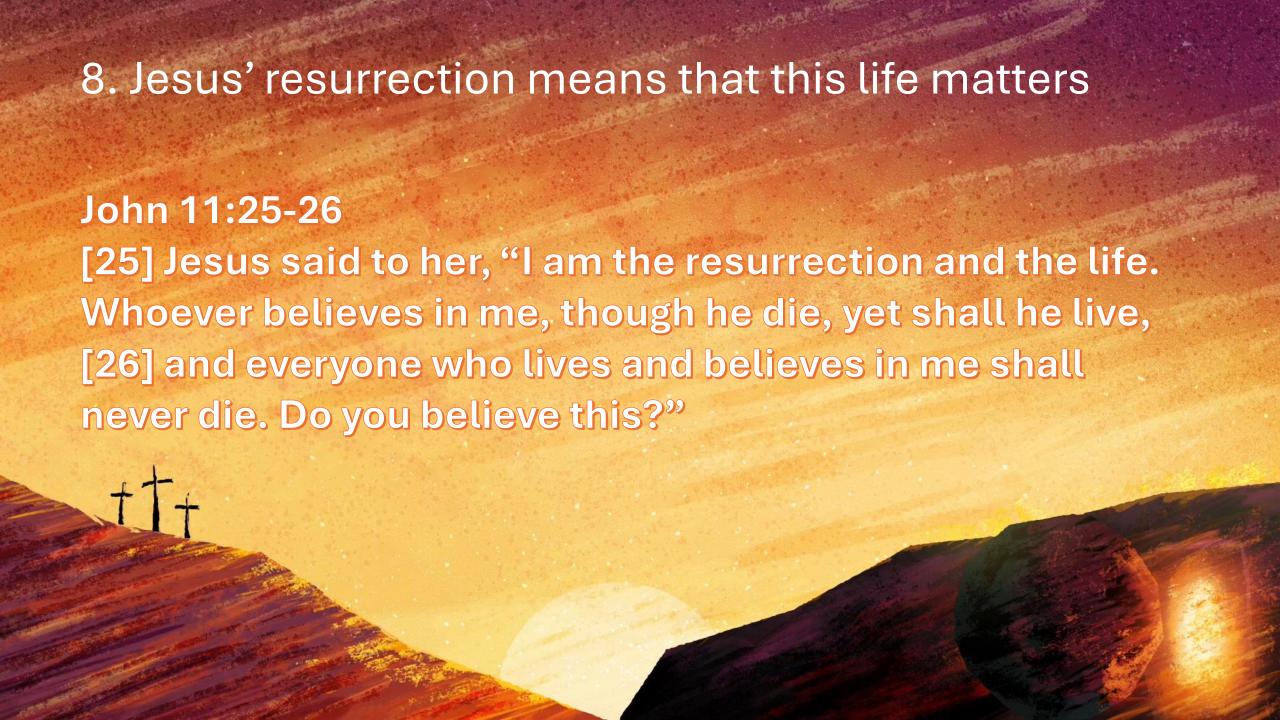
[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.



- 7. Jesus' resurrection enables us to enjoy Holy Spirit empowerment
- 1 Corinthians 6:14 [14] And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

[14] For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; [15] and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.



9. Jesus' resurrection is a loving, gracious, merciful invitation to repent

Acts 17:30-31

[30] The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, [31] because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

1. Will you believe in Jesus' resurrection and repent of your sins?

Romans 10:9-10

[9] if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.



2. Does your life look different because Jesus rose from the dead?

Acts 17:30-31

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