



Key References:

1 Corinthians 15:17–19 (NLT) – And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.
– C. S. Lewis

John 12:24–25 (ESV) – Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

1 Corinthians 15:36–38 (NLT) – When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. ³⁷ And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. ³⁸ Then God gives it the new body he wants it to have.

1 Corinthians 15:50 (NLT) – What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

1 Corinthians 15:54–57 (NLT) – Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: “Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20 (ESV) – But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

As you've experienced Good Friday & Easter Sunday again this year did God give you any fresh revelations or perspectives on what transpired?

1 – PITIED MORE THAN ANYONE

Read 1 Cor 15:12–20. What does mean to have “*hope in Christ only for this life*”? Why does Paul say this kind of hope make us “*more pitied than anyone in the world*”? What is pitiful about discipleship to Jesus if the resurrection is just a myth?

1 Cor 15:32 says “*if there is no resurrection, ‘Let’s feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!’*” How is Christianity a bad idea without the truth of resurrection?

2 – OUR BODIES LIKE SEED

Read 1 Cor 15:21–23 and John 12:24–25. How do these two passages build off one another? How does the imagery of a seed compared to the plant that God brings forth from it show us the glory of the resurrection?

Read 1 Cor 15:36–38. Andy said, “*seeds are pretty dull & boring.*” How does this make us reflect on our bodies, our struggles with them, and the life that is to come?

Read on to 1 Cor 15:42–44. How does what we experience compare with what is to come through our future resurrection in Jesus?

3 – THE TRANSFORMATION WE WERE MADE FOR

So much of the world's time is spent on improving ourselves or worrying about our bodies. What does 1 Cor 15:50 have to say about this?

On Sunday Andy said that humanity is on a constant search to transform themselves, but that this can only be obtained through God. How 1 Cor 15:54–57 reveal the transformation that the world longs for?

How would you explain the hope of 1 Corinthians 15 to a secular friend?

4 – THE PROMISE OF CHRIST’S RESURRECTION

What promises of the coming resurrection are you most looking forward to? How is the power of Jesus’ resurrection at work in us today?

Look at the following scriptures and talk about the resurrection promises within: 1 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Romans 4:25; Romans 6:3–4; Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17;