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Resurrected Christ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

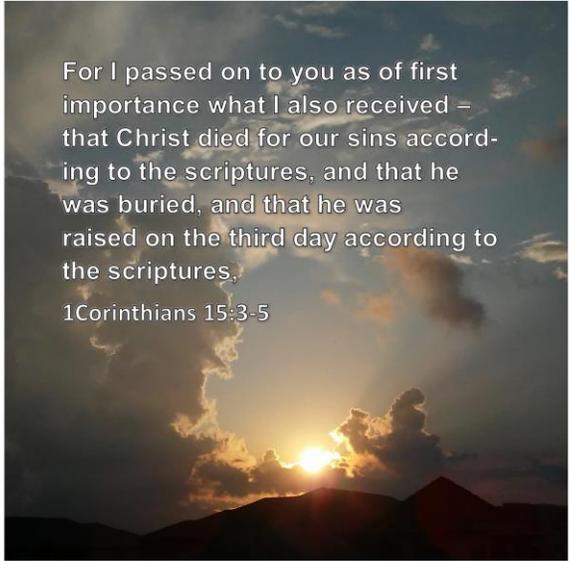
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

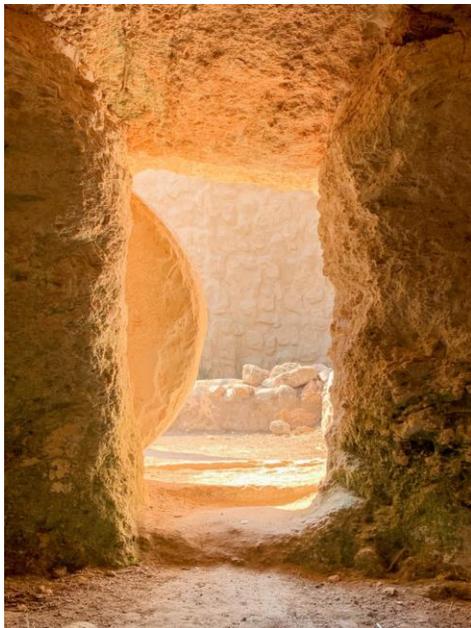
❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



For I passed on to you as of first importance what I also received – that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures.

1Corinthians 15:3-5



This week we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All of us have fallen short of the righteousness of God; we have sinned against Him. God gave us life and we have destroyed it with our sin which leaves us owing a debt we cannot pay. Jesus gave His life, that was without sin, to be the payment for our sin. He willingly and lovingly went to the cross to die for us. After three days in the grave He rose again displaying His victory over death. Easter is our celebration of His resurrection and our salvation. Join us this week as we humbly come to Him celebrating a victory we do not deserve but that He has freely given. Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior is worthy of all the celebration and praise we can offer. He Has risen! Yes He has risen indeed!

Christ's Resurrection

1 Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel that I preached to you, that you received and on which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. 3 For I passed on to you as of first importance what I also received – that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters 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 though to one born at the wrong time, he appeared to me also. 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 to me has not been in vain. In fact, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, this is the way we preach and this is the way you believed.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What are the basic components of the Gospel that Paul wants to make clear?

9. To whom did Jesus appear?

10. Why does Paul feel unworthy to be an apostle?

11. What does the message of the Gospel do for us?

12. If there is no resurrection what does that do to our faith? (consider verse 14)

13. Why does Paul preach the resurrection? (consider verses 1-2, 11)

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. What is the most compelling evidence for the Gospel that causes you to believe?

15. There are many different ways to remember the basic parts of the Gospel. Share some of the effective methods that you have heard.

16. Where is a good place to start when sharing the Gospel with a non-Christian?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes