

Resurrection Matters

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Question: What was your favourite part of the Reader's Digest?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:2-4

Questions: What section of the Reader's Digest would you put this story of Jesus? Why?

The Question: Does what you believe about the resurrection matter?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-13

If Christ has not risen from the dead:

1. Our preaching is useless – v.14a

If Jesus was killed and there was no resurrection, that's end of story.

2. Our faith is useless – v.14b

Believing in something doesn't make it real.

Christianity is grounded on historical events. Something actually happened.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-11

Question: What facts are given in these verses as proof of the resurrection of Jesus?

3. Christians are liars – v.15

4. We are still sinners – v.17

If Jesus did not rise from the dead, he was not God, or he was not sinless and his death on the cross had no purpose.

Read Romans 4:25; 10:9

5. The dead are without hope – v.18

Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-55

6. We're pitiful – v.19, 32

But if the resurrection happened...it changes everything!

If Christ is risen, nothing else matters.

If Christ is not risen, nothing else matters.

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All serious historians believe that:

- Jesus really lived in 1st century Palestine
- he was killed by crucifixion
- the tomb was empty
- Christianity is the world's largest religious faith

The tripping point of the resurrection is that if Jesus really rose from the dead, he is Lord.

If Jesus rose from the dead, I must be saved.

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 (NLT)

Question: Have you been saved?