

Hold the Rope – The Resurrection

¹²Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. ¹⁵Moreover we are even found *to be* false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁷and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

Four Reasons to Believe in the Resurrection:

1. The Bible _____ It!

“But now Christ has been raised from the dead, ...” (1 Corinthians 15:20).

(See also: Mt. 28:6, Mk. 16:6, Lk. 24:6).

2. Eyewitnesses _____ to It!

“...He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, ...” (1 Corinthians 15:5-6).

(See also: Mt. 28:1-15, Mk. 16:1-19, Lk. 24).

3. Changed Lives _____ It!

“Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and *began* to recognize them as having been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13).

4. Fulfilled Prophecies _____ It!

- Christ is the Passover Lamb. Exodus 12:21-27; 1 Corinthians 5:7
- No bone will be broken. Exodus 12:46; John 19:31-36
- The blood for the atonement of sin. Leviticus 17:11; Matthew 26:28
- Jesus will be lifted up for the salvation of all who believe. Numbers 21:9; John 3:14-18
- The Messiah will be forsaken. Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46
- The Messiah’s suffering would include thirst. Psalm 22:15; John 19:28
- The hands and feet of Christ will be pierced. Psalm 22:16; John 19:36-37
- They will cast lots for the Messiah’s clothing. Psalm 22:18; John 19:23-24