

Imagine NO Resurrection, Notes

Easter is built on the sacrificial death, burial, and especially the resurrection of Jesus from the dead to never die again.

But can you imagine what it would be like if Jesus was not resurrected?

The result will determine your anxiety level, your joy, every aspect of life now, much less eternity later.

Intro 4

Today, we are imagining what it would be like if there was no Resurrection of Jesus. This is a Biblical approach that Paul used in 1 Cor 15.

One of the core issues of having no resurrection is a matter of trusting God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and what they have delivered for us in the pages of the Bible.

As I see it, if you are capable of imagining no resurrection, then you will have a God, Jesus, a Holy Spirit that lied to you.

And Peter, John, James, and all the other apostles were liars too\

And what about Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Their are also liars.

So everything you read in this book becomes meaningless.

If they lied about the resurrection, then none of it can be trusted.

So, now consider everything that you have ever trusted may become un-trustworthy.

Your religion is empty.

Paul said, "1Co 15:14 and if Christ has not been raised, **then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.**

No preacher can be trusted.

He may not able to lead you to a better life or eternity because how can you trust what he says, when he is quoting the Bible.

Can you believe what they preach about being with Jesus and God in heaven with all its joys, and peace, and comfort and praise. Is it really something to be looked forward to?

And Hell may not be something to be scared of. I mean, it may not be so bad after all. It may not be a place of pain, suffering, or torture. It might be enjoyable to be with all those liars, cheats, immoral, the angry, the murders, and the cowards for ever

If you can imagine there is no resurrection, then you should be able to imagine not being resurrected yourself.

Was Jesus the first one to be resurrected to never die again? But if there is no resurrection, then when people die, they just go out of existence.

Since Jesus was not resurrected, then those who mourn can't be consoled, or encouraged.

Since Jesus was not resurrected, then nothing will be able to satisfy your hunger for right living.

Since Jesus was not resurrected, what value is there in having a pure heart?

Since there is no resurrection, nothing is gained by living peaceably or being a peacemaker.

Why should I "Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men."??

If you can imagine no resurrection, then also imagine the effects of insults, bullying, and lies become the norm.

Imagine there being no penalty from God or man for murder.

Can you see how revenge could be satisfying

Why should anyone ever help the poor, or any victim? They will just lie about you, cheat you, and do anything to become rich

But all this is just imagination.

The resurrection is true. It has been proven.

This means that everything God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit has given us in the Bible is true. You can depend on it.

All the apostles and Bible writers were truthful.

Jesus' one church is absolutely necessary, fulfilling, and profitable for you.

Preachers can use the Bible to guide you to better living AND eternity. But only through scriptures, not their thinking.

Heaven is real with its joys, and peace, comfort and praise. You can look forward to it.

And Hell should strike fear deep in your bones. You do not want to spend time with liars, cheats, angry people, murders now, and you sure do not want to be with them forever.

You will be resurrected. You can trust what Jesus said in John 5:28-29 "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, (29) and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment."

You will not go out of existence.

Those mourning will be comforted

Those hungering for righteousness will be satisfied.

There is great value to having a pure heart

So much is gained when we live, as much as possible, at peace with everyone,.
Bullying, insults, and lies will never be the norm.
People will be punished for murder.
And revenge never satisfies.
Help the poor.

Tell what to do

So, since there is a resurrection, you need to be prepared for what happens afterward.
We noted how a few will be going to the wonders of heaven, but not everyone. Jesus said,
Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that
leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. (14) "For the gate is small and
the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.
And you sure do not want to end up in Hell.
If you have any question as to getting into heaven, or avoiding Hell, please allow me to use the
greatest tool of all to point you in the right direction.
Just selected the contact page, under services, above. Tell me how you feel about Hell (or
heaven). You will get a personal prompt response. And I will use a Bible and its truths to get
you where you want to be.

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Your time is valuable, and we appreciate you spending a little of it with us today. Come back
soon for more timeless subjects with information for your life.
Until we see each other again, Goodbye for now.

Key Words

Easter	Mourn
Jesus' Death	Pure
Jesus' Burial	Righteousness
Jesus' Resurrection	Peace
Imagination	Peaceable
Trust	Insults
Lies	Bullying
Preachers	Murder
Heaven	Poor
Hell	Victims

Additional Resources

We See Jesus

- This World Is Not My Home
 - <https://weseejesus.wordpress.com/2012/10/23/this-world-is-not-my-home/>

GBN

- One Word – Resurrection
 - https://youtu.be/KmHw1s2z5_k
- Counterpoint: The Resurrection (7-24-18)
 - <https://youtu.be/HD122QSOK4g>
- Counterpoint: The Resurrection of the Dead (1-8-21)
 - <https://youtu.be/owK5ZGp1A28>
- The Resurrection and the Life
 - https://gbntv.org/daily_lift/daily-lift-november-10-2021/

OABS

- The Glorious Resurrection (Lectureship)(6 audio downloads)
 - <https://oabs.org/Archives/Lectures/elkcity2005.htm>

WVBS

- 6 Facts that Prove Jesus Rose from the Dead
 - <https://video.wvbs.org/video/6-facts-that-prove-jesus-rose-from-the-dead-evidence-for-jesus/>
- Fundamentals of the Faith: His Resurrection
 - <https://video.wvbs.org/video/fundamentals-of-the-faith-lesson-21-his-resurrection/>
- Alleged Problems Surrounding Jesus' Resurrection
 - <https://video.wvbs.org/video/9-alleged-problems-surrounding-jesus-resurrection/>

Search

- The Resurrection
 - <https://youtu.be/cPSDQ0Pqm9s>
- The Power Of His Resurrection
 - <https://youtu.be/ZztfWScnFog>
- The Lord's Resurrection
 - <https://youtu.be/nl3CC5qQxXM>

- The Resurrection of Jesus
 - <http://lavistachurchofchrist.org/LVsermons/ResurrectionOfJesus.html>
- The Resurrection
 - <http://lavistachurchofchrist.org/LVstudies/Corinthians/39Resurrection.html>
- If The Dead Are Not Raised
 - <https://www.lavistachurchofchrist.org/cms/if-the-dead-are-not-raised/>

The Gospel Message

- The Resurrection of Jesus
 - <https://www.gospelmessage.net/2014/03/the-resurrection-of-jesus/>
- Christ is Risen
 - <https://www.gospelmessage.net/2019/07/2019-7-31-w4j7otnonh64qxzu2yac7ur3zbor69/>

WordPoints

- Does Jesus' Resurrection Really Matter
 - <https://wordpoints.com/does-jesus-resurrection-really-matter-june-13/>
- Real People Actually Saw the Resurrected Jesus
 - <https://wordpoints.com/real-people-actually-saw-resurrected-jesus/>

Christian Courier

- A Skeptic Disputes the Resurrection of Christ
 - <https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/513-a-skeptic-disputes-the-resurrection-of-christ>
- The Significance of Christ's Resurrection
 - <https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/64-the-significance-of-christs-resurrection>

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- After Life (booklet)

