

THE EVIDENCE, SIGNIFICANCE, AND IMPACT OF THE RESURRECTION

1ST CORINTHIANS 15:1-20

A political commentator was interviewing a Christian apologist and discussing the resurrection of Jesus. At one point, in the interview the commentator said that he'd rather not debate the historical evidence of Jesus' resurrection because the two would continue to disagree and that the conversation would be boring. He pointed out that there were many false messiahs in Jewish history. He mentioned one who died in the 1990's and people in Israel still believe he is the Messiah. At that point the apologist said, "Is his grave empty?" It was an important point. Individuals can say that they are the Messiah, but where does the evidence point. The Apostle Paul pointed out the most significant of all evidence that Jesus was the Messiah- His resurrection. Why is the resurrection so significant? Why does it matter?

1. If Jesus did not rise from the dead our faith would be _____ and we would be _____, _____ God, dead in our _____.
2. Jesus _____ His own resurrection, so if He rose, we could _____ everything He said.
3. Paul presents evidence of the Resurrection from _____, _____ including his own _____, and radically _____ lives.
4. The skeptic attempts to _____ the Resurrection are not _____.
5. The Resurrection substantiates, Jesus is _____ and _____. All who put their _____ in the Risen Lord Jesus and the saving work of His death and resurrection will be forgiven, born again, and saved.