

If Christ Was Not Raised - D.J. Horton

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

“Was not, were not, had not” questions often lead to a deeper level of gratefulness and appreciation for what we have in our lives.

6 sad realities if Christ was not raised from the dead

1. Our Message is Meaningless v.12-14
2. Our Leaders are Liars v.15
3. Our Faith is Futile v.16-17a
4. Our Forgiveness is Fiction v.17b
5. Our Dead are Damned v.18
6. Our Hope is Heartbreaking v.19

Acts 2:24 (ESV)

Acts 4:1-2 (ESV)

“If Christ was not crucified and resurrected, salvation is impossible.”

-C.F. Pfeiffer

1 Corinthians 15:15 (ESV)

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (ESV)

The Case for Christ

1. Execution-Jesus really died
2. Early Accounts-myths take centuries
3. Empty Tomb
4. Eyewitnesses

We follow Jesus because He is LORD! His resurrection proves it.

“Your sin will be Pardoned in Heaven or Punished in Hell, but it will never be overlooked.”

-Dr. Adrian Rogers

Pagan Epitaphs Under Rome

“Live for the present hour since we are sure of nothing else.”

“I will lift up my hands against the gods who took me away at age 20, though I had done no harm.”

“Once I was not, now I am not. I know nothing about it, and it is no concern of mine.”

Christian Epitaphs Rome

“Put to rest in the dream of peace.”

“Carried away by the angels. Called, He went in peace.”

“Victorious in life, victorious in peace, and victorious in Christ.”

“If Jesus is still in the grave nothing really matters. If Jesus came out of the grave nothing else really matters.”