**“According To The Scriptures”**

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Text: I Corinthians 15:1-4

### Intro

1. *Luke 24:13-27:* The good news spreading from Jerusalem was that Jesus was alive!
2. Paul made the point that Christ raising from the dead is the cornerstone of the gospel and our faith!
	1. I Corinthians 15:1-11: The risen Christ is the Good News (gospel)!
	2. I Corinthians 15:3-4: Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection were no accident or happenstance but all happened “according to the Scriptures,” meaning it was all part of the divine plan!
	3. I Corinthians 15:13-19: If Christ wasn’t raised from the dead, our faith is in vain.
3. Jesus died and then arose from the dead all “according to the Scriptures!”

#### I Corinthians 15:1-4

* 1. 15:1
		1. Paul reminds the saints at Corinth that they heard the gospel from him and they stand in it.
		2. Gal. 1:11-12: Paul affirmed the gospel is not from men but from Christ.
	2. 15:2
		1. The gospel saves! (Rom. 1:16; I Pet. 1:23)
		2. No one can hope to be saved apart from the gospel of Christ!
			1. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” *(John 14:6)*
		3. One must hold fast the word of God – if not, then faith is in vain.
		4. Paul was getting the Corinthians to agree that:
			1. They had believed the gospel preached to them *(15:1).*
			2. They were standing firm in their faith *(15:1).*
			3. They were saved by it, IF they held fast! *(15:2)*
	3. 15:3
		1. Jesus died for our sins ACCORDING to the Scriptures (Not by “accident”).
		2. Paul explains the difference of the gospel from the Jewish expectation:
			1. The Jews expected (wanted) the Messiah to establish an earthly, physical kingdom. (Acts 1:6; John 18:36)
			2. The Scriptures never taught that, instead they taught a “suffering Savior.” (Isaiah 53:11-12; Acts 3:18)
		3. Imagine being in Jerusalem for the Passover and hearing the commotion going on at the governor’s palace, the Praetorium…
			1. A mob of Jews gathered, asking Pilate the governor to execute a man known to the crowds as a Teacher and Prophet, and some even called Him “Master,” and “King” (John 18:28).
			2. Jesus told Pilate that He was a King and that for this moment He was born (John 18:37)
			3. Pilate said Jesus was innocent and wanted to release to the mob a murderer, thief and insurrectionist named Barabbas (Matthew 27:20-26; Mark 15:11-15; Luke 23:20-25; John 18:39-40)
			4. The chief priests stirred up the crowd to call for Barabbas to be released (Matthew 27:20)
			5. The mob was crying out, “Crucify! Crucify Him!” and drowned out all other sounds and interrupted Pilate, who was trying to reason with them (Luke 23:20-23).
		4. Jesus and the apostles taught that the Scriptures pointed to His death:
			1. Luke 24:44-46; John 12:32-33; I Peter 1:10-12
	4. 15:4
		1. He was buried…ACCORDING to the Scriptures.
			1. Psalm 16:10; Matthew 12:40
			2. Isaiah 53:9: Isaiah foretold Jesus would be associated with wicked men (the two thieves crucified with Him – Mark 15:27) but would be with a rich man in His death (Joseph of Arimathea was a rich man who asked for the body of Jesus and buried Him in his own new tomb that he had cut out of rock – Matthew 27:57-60).
		2. Peter quoted from Psalm 16:10 in his sermon on Day of Pentecost *(Acts 2:27).*
		3. Paul is strengthening their faith by stating these events were foretold in the Scriptures, and were revealed to him by Christ *(I Cor. 15:3; Gal. 1:12).*
	5. 15:4
		1. He rose on the third day ACCORDING to the Scriptures.
			1. Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:10; Luke 9:22; 18:31-33; 24:4-7, 44-46
		2. Peter quoted from Psalm 16:10 in his sermon on Day of Pentecost and expounds on it that David was talking about Jesus’ resurrection and then says, “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses” (Acts 2:29-36).
		3. Paul says if Christ wasn’t raised from the dead then we are still in our sins, our faith is in vain, and we above all men are most to be pitied! (I Cor. 15:13-19).
		4. “Death cannot keep his prey” (“Christ Arose!” by Robert Lowry): The tomb was found empty! Christ Arose! There is hope in the empty tomb!
		5. He broke the power of death for everyone! (Hebrews 2:14-15)
	6. 15:5-9
		1. The resurrection is strengthened by the eye witness' accounts of Christ’s return from the dead.
		2. Matthew 28:7-10: An angel told the women to tell the disciples He was raised from the dead and will meet them in Galilee.
		3. Matthew 28:16: Jesus met the apostles in Galilee just as he had instructed them to go.
		4. Acts 1:3: Jesus appeared to them over a period of 40 days!
		5. Seen by Cephas (Peter) and the twelve – Luke 24:34-40
		6. He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once (At time of Paul’s writing, many of them were still alive & could be verified)!
		7. He was seen by James, the Lord’s brother – Galatians 1:18-19
		8. Seen by the apostle Paul as “One born out of due time” (Acts 9:3-6).
	7. Our faith can be strengthened by the message the Corinthians heard: Jesus Christ has died and risen for you and for me!

## Conclusion

1. The bodily resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of the gospel –it IS the good news! *(I Cor. 15:20: Christ has risen! – Simplicity of the gospel: II Cor. 11:3)*
2. Jesus rose from the dead to break its power so you and I might have eternal life!
	1. Romans 6:8-10: Christ overcame death and lives forever with God.
3. What should this prompt us to do in return?
	1. Romans 6:11-13: Die to sin and live for Christ!
4. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus died and arose from the dead “according to the Scriptures!” *That gospel cornerstone should strengthen our faith and resolve to obey Him!*
5. If not obeyed Him yet, repent, be baptized, and hold fast to His word!
6. If a Christian, let your life show it – live *for* Him now so we may ever live *with* Him!
7. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!