

Mark 16:6

6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead...

What if?

there were

NO EASTER



IF Christ has NOT been raised...

- ✓ **PREACHING is POINTLESS** – 1CO.15:14 – “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless.”
- ✓ **FAITH is FUTILE and FOOLISH** – 1CO.15:17 – “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.”
- ✓ **SIN is SOVEREIGN** – 1CO.15:17 – “If Christ has not been raised...you are still in your sins.”
- ✓ **DEATH is DOMINANT** – 1CO.15:18 – “Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.”
- ✓ **FUTURE is FEARFUL** – 1CO.15:19 – “We are to be pitied more than all men.”
- ✓ **JESUS was a LYING LUNATIC** – JN.10:20 – “Many of them said, He is...raving mad. Why listen to him?”

IS Christ raised from the dead?

- ✓ **PROOF of the EMPTY GRAVE** – LU.24:3 – “They did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.”
- ✓ **PROOF of EYEWITNESS GLIMPSES** – 1CO.15:6 – “He appeared to more than 500...at the same time...”
- ✓ **PROOF of the EYEWITNESSES' GUTS** – AC.7:59 – “While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed...”
- ✓ **PROOF of EXPLOSIVE GROWTH** – AC.16:5 – “The churches were strengthened...and grew daily...”
- ✓ **PROOF of an EFFECTIVE GOSPEL** – 2CO.5:17 – “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...”

INDEED, Christ HAS been raised!

- ✓ **PREACHING is POWERFUL** – 1CO.1:23-24 – “We preach Christ...the power...and the wisdom of God.”
- ✓ **FAITH is FRUITFUL** – EP.2:8 – “It is by grace you have been saved, through faith...”
- ✓ **SIN is SUBJUGATED** – RO.6:14 – “Sin shall not have dominion over you...”
- ✓ **DEATH is DEFEATED** – 1CO.15:54 – “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
- ✓ **FUTURE is FANTASTIC** – 1TH.4:17 – “And so we will be with the Lord for ever.”
- ✓ **JESUS is the LIVING LORD** – RO.10:9 – “Jesus is Lord.”