

Sunday, April 12, 2020 with Mike Teel, Pastor
EASTER: The Resurrection Gospel

FOCAL PASSAGE: I Corinthians 15:1-11 ...Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

PROMINENCE OF THE RESURRECTION

I Corinthians 15:1-4 ...Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

1. TRUTH #1: JESUS CHRIST DIED!

- **I Corinthians 15:3** ...For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- **Romans 6:23** ...For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **II Corinthians 5:21** ... God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- **Isaiah 53:5** ...But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

2. TRUTH #2: JESUS CHRIST WAS DEAD and BURIED

I Corinthians 15:4a ...that he was buried,

- Some say that Christ was really dead when He was placed in the tomb, while others say He had just fainted while on the cross and was revived by the cold and dampness in the tomb.
- It was important for Jesus to be buried.
- The burial represented the human aspect of Jesus. Remember, He was 100% human and 100% God.

3. TRUTH #3: JESUS CHRIST RESURRECTED

I Corinthians 15:4b ...that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

- With only the death and burial we have no gospel message.
- Today, over 2,000 years later, He still lives.

GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

- Christ's resurrection is also prominent in gospel transformation.
- The gospel truth has transforming power.
- **I Corinthians 15:1** ...Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received...
- The word "received" describes for us, how a person is saved.
- Paul then offers a word of caution.
- **I Corinthians 15:2** ...By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.
- The word "**vain**" refers to a belief which doesn't produce a change in our lives.

LIVE IT OUT

What must I do to be saved?

- Accept you are a sinner...
- Believe the good news of Jesus...
- Confess your need to believe in your heart and be saved.