

## **BUT CHRIST HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD**

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

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### Intro

The resurrection is the central tenet of the Christian faith. Yet, since the time of Paul, people have been denying the resurrection (v.12-13).

What are the consequences if there is no resurrection (v.14-19)?

“But Christ has been raised”! (v.20) – History’s greatest hoax or best ever news?

### Evidence that Jesus has been Raised

1. The empty tomb is a historically validated fact.
2. The matter-of-fact account in the source material.
3. The first witnesses were women.
4. Other eyewitness accounts.
5. The changed lives of Jesus’ followers.

### Why the Resurrection Matters

Those who place their trust in the Risen Christ:

- are no longer in their sins (v.17)
- are not lost even after they have died (v.18)
- are most blessed because they have a hope that outlasts this life (v.19)

### Response

- To the baptismal candidates
- To believers
- To those considering Christ