

Bible Study for April 11-17, 2022

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:12-26

Notes: Easter Sunday

In the Christian calendar, there is no day that stands above Easter Sunday. While the celebration of Christ's birth is seen by many as a highlight, the coming to earth really is only a signal of what is to come: the salvation through forgiveness of sins by means of the death and resurrection of Christ. For this reason Easter is the highest point of Jesus' time on earth, showing us that death can be beaten, that there is an everlasting life in Christ.

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen and we gather with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen and we are forgiven.

In our lesson for today Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death, always afraid, always doing anything they can to avoid it. Paul now celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

Questions to Ponder:

What do you think you would like written as an epitaph for your tombstone?

What false teaching is being spread among the Corinthians?

What are the problems with our faith if there is no resurrection?

How does Paul prove that this is not the case?

What is the central proof Paul point out as evidence for the hope of our resurrection? (vs 21)

When did you connect the resurrection of Christ with your own resurrection?

What sense of hope does resurrection give you? What sense of purpose does it give you?

When you feel life is futile, how do you handle those feelings?