

4/12/2020 Easter Sunday

Easter Basics

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1 Corinthians 15:1-8 ¹Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and in which you stand firm. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸And last of all He appeared to me also, as to one of untimely birth. (BSB)

I. Here is the Easter story in a nutshell.

A. Christ **died** for our sins. V. 3

B. He was **buried** in the tomb. V. 4

C. He was **raised** on the third day. V. 4

Matthew 12:38-40 ³⁸Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” ³⁹Jesus replied, “A wicked and adulterous generation demands a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (BSB)

D. The writers and overseers of the New Testament were **eye witnesses** of his resurrection. V. 5-8

II. What are some vital truths in this passage that we are to learn about this story?

A. It is so important to be constantly **reminded** of it. V. 1

B. It is important that we take **our stand** on these essential truths. V. 1

C. The Good News from this story saves us when we **hold firmly** to the truths that it teaches. V. 2

D. Staying true to the **essentials** of our faith keeps us from believing in vain. V. 2

III. How do these vital truths keep us grounded?

A. It is easy to get **sidetracked** from the basics.

B. When this happens it opens us up to **embrace lies**. The Corinthian church was being told that there is not a resurrection.

C. It shows us the importance of **sharing** our story and **telling others** about the truth that we have been entrusted with.