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**T**heme of the Year: The Lord’s **P**rovision, **P**resence & **P**rotection

**D**OCTRINAL **D**ISPUTES

**T**opic for the Day: **Resurrection Day**

**Easter**: Originally a Saxon word (*Eostre*), denoting a goddess of the Saxons, in honor of whom sacrifices were offered about the time of the Passover. Hence the name came to be given to the festival of the Resurrection of Christ, which occurred at the time of the Passover. Encyclopedia of Bible Facts.

**EASTER?** Acts 12:4 (KJV)

*And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after* ***Easter*** *to bring him forth to the people.*

 Acts 12:4 (NKJV)

*So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after* ***Passover****.*

Cf. Jeremiah 7:18 – *The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger.*

**ISHTAR** A Mesopotamian goddess of fertility and war. In her role as goddess of fertility, Ishtar was associated with Tammuz, the god of vegetation. Ishtar was sometimes identified with the planet Venus and was designated “Mistress of Heaven” in the Amarna tablets. The goddess is perhaps the “Queen of heaven” of [Jeremiah 7:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+7%3A18); [44:17-19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+44%3A17-19),[25](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jer+44%3A25); [Ezekiel 8:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eze+8%3A14) - Holman Bible Dictionary.

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 **P**roblems **P**resented to **P**aul: **I Cor.**

1. Fractional **D**ivisions calling for **D**enunciation. Chs. 1-4
2. Moral **D**ecline calling for **D**iscipline. Chs. 5, 6
3. Social **D**ifficulties calling for **Di**scretion. Chs. 7-10
4. Ecclesiastical **D**isorders calling for Decency and order. Chs. 11-14

**5.** Local **D**oubts calling for **D**octrine. Chs. 15, 16.

a. Doubts regarding the Resurrection of Buried Believers. 15:1-34

*Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:* 15:12, 13

b. Doubts regarding the Resurrection Body. 15:35-58

*But some man will say, How are the dead raised up?*

*and with what body do they come?* 15:35

Introduction:

The Corinthian Believers Believed in the Resurrection of Christ (15:12a)

but they were not so sure with regard to the Resurrection of Christians (15:12b ct.16)

**A. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST I Cor. 15:1-34**

1. A **R**eminder. 15:1-11
2. The **R**esurrection of Christ is **V**ital to the **F**ull Gospel. 15:3, 4

 *Died*, *buried* (aorist); *rose* = (perfect) *hath been raised,* ASV

1. **S**ubtract or **A**dd to it is ***A****nathema*. Gal. 1:6-9
2. **S**ideline the Lord Jesus Christ is ***A****nathema*. I Cor. 16:22

 b. The **R**esurrection of Christ is **V**alid - it's a **F**actual Gospel. 15:3-11

1. Testified to by the **W**ord. 15:3, 4
2. Testified to by many **W**itnesses. 15:5 -7

Cf. His first appearance to a **W**oman. Mk. 16:9

1. Testified to by the **W**riter. 15:8-11

*as of one born out of due time* KJV

lit. *as to one untimely born* NRSV

**2.** A **R**ebuff. [Re: The Problems] 15:12-19

 Some say, "*There is no resurrection of the dead*."

1. A **R**ebuke. *"Do you know what you are saying?”* 15:12-15

 To say there is no resurrection of the dead is to say… [*If…then…,* 15:12-19]

1. **C**hrist was not Raised. (15:12, 13)

**C**onsider the **F**acts. 15:1-11

 (The **W**ord, the **W**itnesses, the Writer) [The **W**omen?]

ii. **C**hristianity is not **R**eliable. (15:14) **C**onsider your **F**aith because **IF** Christ be not raised, **THEN**...

\* Our **P**reaching of Christ is **E**mpty. 15:14

\* Your **P**art (Faith) in Christ is **E**mpty. 15:14

1. A **C**onclusion that is **R**evolting. (15:15)

**C**onsider the **F**alsehood

\* Not only would they be **F**alse **W**itnesses of God,

\* they also would be **F**ound **W**orking against God.

1. A **R**epetition (with some additions). 15:16-18

“*To say there is no resurrection of the dead, is to say also...Christ is not risen”*

1. Your **F**aith is **F**ruitless. (*vain*) 15:17
2. Your **S**elf is not **S**inless. 15:17
3. The Believing Dead are Hope-less. 15:18
4. A **R**egret 15:19

*"Then we are of all men most pitiable, if...”*

1. *All our hopes in Christ are confined ONLY to this life.*
2. *We hope ONLY in Christ without His resurrected life.*
3. A **R**evelation. 15:20-28 "BUT NOW *is Christ raised from the dead.*”

 A **R**esurrected Christ is...

1. A **P**ledge of a Future **R**esurrection.15:20-23

 *- every man in his own order*

 Made possible by the Resurrection... 15:23ff

\* of the **S**on in **P**ower - *"Christ, the Firstfruits”*

\* of the **S**aints in ***P****arousia*. *"They that are Christ’s”*

\* of the **S**inners in **P**unishment. *"Then cometh the end"*

1. **P**rospect of a Future **R**eign. 15:24-28
2. The **S**ubjugation of All Things by the Son. 15:24-27 cf. Rev. 20:7-10
3. The **S**ubjection of the Son to the Father. 15:27, 28
4. The **S**ubmission of All to the Father as the ALL IN ALL. 15:28

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1. A **R**ationalization. 15:29-34

*"If there is no resurrection of the dead..."*

1. Why live a pinch-**H**itter Life? 15:29
2. Why live a **H**azardous Life? 15:30-32a
3. Why live a **H**oly Life? 15:32b-34

**Conclusion:**

Jesus MUST Rise from the Dead:-

It is a **C**ondition of the Full Gospel;

Testified to by the **W**ord, **W**itnesses, and the **W**riter including Faithful **W**omen

It is the Only **C**onclusion one can **A**rrive at…

Rational**ly** - *if…then*

Eschatological**ly** – *every man in his own order*

Only it can End in the **C**onsummation of **A**ll **A**ges

***That God may be ALL in All!***

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