

Focus Bible study – week 10 2017 S2
1 Corinthians 15 – the resurrection

Discuss.

Which of the following statements do you think the Bible supports?

- a. The resurrection of Jesus is proof that there is life after death.
- b. The resurrection of Jesus is proof that people will be judged by God.
- c. The resurrection of Jesus is proof that the supernatural exists.
- d. The resurrection of Jesus is proof that Christians are crazy.
- e. The resurrection of Jesus is proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

Check out: Acts 17:31, Romans 1:4

READ 1 Corinthians 15

Q1. What was the content of the message of the Gospel which Paul preached (v3-8)?

Q2. Why are verses 5-7 important to the message of the Gospel?

Q3. In verses 12-33, why is it bad to think that there is no resurrection? (what does the passage say? Don't go too deep if you don't understand what it means: just work out what it says)

- a. v13-14
- b. v15
- c. v16-17
- d. v18-19

Q4. If Jesus rose from the dead then what does it mean for Christians?

- a. v20-23 (what does first fruits mean?)
- b. v24-25
- c. v26

Q5. Which of these statements do you agree with?

- a. The resurrection of Jesus is a historical event.
- b. The resurrection of Jesus does not need to be a historical event for it to be relevant.
- c. The resurrection is just a figurative way of talking about life after death.
- d. The resurrection is just something which Christians made up to help Christians cope with the fear of death.

Q6a. Paul compares a number of things together to explain what the resurrection will be like. Look at these comparisons.

Sun and moon and stars	Meaning v41-44
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Natural body and spiritual body	v44-49
Heavenly body and earthly body	

b. What is the point of his comparisons (what is Paul trying to say) ? look at v58.

Q7. Answer only one of these options (ie. Choose one only) : How does the resurrection give you hope and help you stand firm when

- a. you face opposition?
- b. you are dying of an incurable disease?
- c. you are tempted by success and riches?
- d. you are having a hard time in life?
- e. you are losing the motivation to live ?
- f. everything is going well for you in life?

Talk Notes: