

They Saw Him Alive

A Whole Bunch Of People

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Christianity rises or falls on the resurrection of Jesus. How do we know Jesus rose from the dead? Because a whole bunch of people saw him.

In Paul's first letter to Corinth, the validity of the resurrection is in question.

12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

15 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures **4** and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve

The burial is evidence of his death.

The appearances are evidence of his resurrection

6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

7 then He appeared to James,

then to all the apostles;

8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

11 Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

We have to account for the fact that many people saw Jesus after he died, including one skeptic, James, and one persecutor, Paul. No one has ever disproved this fact.

How do we respond to all those people who saw Jesus?

If Jesus was seen, then he was resurrected. How do we respond to the resurrected Jesus?

**His appearances give evidence Jesus was not dead,
but alive.**

**The resurrected Jesus will change your life if you will
trust him with it.**