

The Certainty of the Resurrection

This 5-day devotional guide is based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, 58 and will help prepare your heart for the upcoming Easter Sunday sermon, "The Certainty of the Resurrection." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions during the week leading up to Easter, in the week ending Saturday, April 4.

Monday

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Questions for Reflection

- What gospel did Paul remind the Corinthians of—what had they received and taken their stand upon?
- What does he say this gospel does for believers?
- When have you needed to hold fast to the gospel in a season of doubt or discouragement?
- What habit could help you reflect on the gospel daily this Easter week?

Questions for Children

- What good news did Paul remind the church about?
- What does it mean to 'hold tight' to Jesus' good news?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for the gospel we received. Help us stand firm and hold fast to this good news today. Amen.

Tuesday

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Questions for Reflection

- What four core facts of the gospel does Paul deliver 'first importance'?
- Twice Paul says, "according to the Scriptures." How does this build our confidence in these events?
- Which Scripture promises most help you trust that Jesus truly died for your sins and rose again?
- How does the resurrection speak to your fear, guilt, or grief right now?

Questions for Children

- What happened to Jesus after He died?
- On what day did Jesus rise from the dead?

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You that Christ died for our sins and rose on the third day just as You promised. Please strengthen our faith in Your Word. Amen.

Wednesday

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:5-8

Questions for Reflection

- List the eyewitnesses Paul names who saw the risen Jesus. What detail does he add to show this testimony is reliable?
- Why does the number and variety of witnesses matter for the certainty of the resurrection?

- How does the eyewitness testimony strengthen your faith when you face questions or doubts?
- Where do you see the living Jesus at work in and around you today?

Questions for Children

- Who saw Jesus alive—was it just one person or many?
- How does it help us to know that lots of people saw Jesus after He rose?

Prayer Prompt

Risen Lord, thank You for many reliable witnesses. Use their testimony to steady our hearts and help us share this good news with others. Amen.

Thursday

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:9-11

Questions for Reflection

- How does Paul describe his past and his place among the apostles? What does that show about God's grace?
- What does Paul mean when he says, "I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God"?
- In what specific ways has God's grace changed you—and how is it calling you to serve this week?
- Who in your life needs to hear this one, united message about Jesus "whether then it was I or they"?

Questions for Children

- Was Paul always a friend of Jesus?

- What did God's grace help Paul do?

Prayer Prompt

Gracious God, Your grace is not in vain. Keep changing us and energizing our service so that Jesus is preached clearly. Amen.

Friday

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Questions for Reflection

- What three commands does Paul give in response to the resurrection ("therefore")?
- What promise does he attach to our service in the Lord?
- Where do you need to be steadfast and immovable right now—at home, work, church, or in a particular ministry?
- What "work of the Lord" will you abound in this Easter weekend (or beyond), trusting that it's not in vain?

Questions for Children

- Should we stop serving Jesus when it's hard? Why not?
- What does Jesus promise about our work for Him?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, because the resurrection is certain, make us steadfast, immovable, and joyful in Your work. Remind us that nothing done for You is ever in vain. Amen.