

SERMON NOTES

Date: February 24, 2019

Series: Messy Church

Title: The Resurrection Declared

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Big Idea: The gospel is the good news that Jesus died and was raised from the dead to save even the worst of sinners.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

DISCUSS THE ISSUE

What do you think life after death will be like?

Think about the last few Christian funerals you've witnessed. How was the departed talked about? Was the idea of a future bodily resurrection emphasized or even mentioned?

Paul bookends his teaching in 1 Corinthians 15 with the ideas of "holding firmly" (v. 2) and "standing firm" (v. 58). From what ground must Christians never retreat? Explain why.

Who is central subject of the gospel message (v. 3)? Why is it always important to keep this in view?

What are the essential parts of the gospel message about Christ (v. 3-7)?

How is the death and resurrection of Christ a fulfillment of the Scriptures? Use a Bible concordance or another study resource to identify Old Testament passages fulfilled by the work of Christ.

What happens if we even make the smallest changes to gospel essentials? Can you think of specific examples?

What do you believe is the most credible evidence for the resurrection of Christ?

APPLY THE TRUTH

The reason Paul reminds the Corinthians of the death and resurrection of Christ is to combat their denial of a bodily resurrection for believers (v. 12). In what ways might you be tempted to downplay or even deny the future resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous (cf. John 5:25-29)?

What hope does the gospel give you, not only for eternity, but for here and now? Where would you be right now without the gospel taking hold on your heart?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Do you know the gospel message well enough to share it with an unbeliever? Practice telling someone the good news in your car, in the shower, or around the dinner table with your family. Then prayerfully tell and unbeliever the good news that Christ died and rose to save even the worst of us from our sins.