

THE RETURN OF THE KING

TEXT: **1 Corinthians 15:1-28**

Key Verse: “and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.” **1 Corinthians 15:14** NASB

1. The King of Kings gave His _____ for us, and He now _____

Evidence for Christ's Resurrection

The Gospel – **Romans 10:9-10** – Confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart God raised Jesus from the dead, you *will* be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Christ **died** for our sins *according to Scriptures*

- o “Necessary” in **Luke 24:25-27**
- o In Peter’s Pentecost sermon in **Acts 2:25-31**, Peter highlights that Jesus was slain by “godless men” and fulfilled prophecies in Old Testament (OT):
 - **Genesis 22:8** – (Abraham/Isaac) “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.”
 - **Psalms 16:8-11** – Your Holy One will not see decay or be abandoned in Hades.
 - **Psalms 22** – Vindication of Lord’s faithful suffering servant.
 - **Psalms 110:1** - “Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand; I will make your enemies your footstool.”
 - **Isaiah 53** –
 - o No stately form; despised, unattractive, smitten of God
 - o Pierced for our transgressions; crushed for our iniquities
 - o Chastised for our peace, by His stripes we are healed
 - o Our iniquities placed on Him; by His anguish will justify the many
 - o He was rendered a guilt offering
 - o God will prolong His days (Resurrection)
 - **Hosea 6:2** – He will raise us up on the 3rd day
 - Resurrection of believers
 - Christ was **buried**, and **raised** on the third day in Scriptures
 - **Appearances [John 21:1-14** – appeared to all apostles]
 - Apostles **preached** Gospel to Corinthians

What if Christ Has Not Been Raised?

1. Our preaching is _____; our faith is _____

Results of Christ Being Raised

1. All who are in Christ follow Him in _____

2. Christ hands over the _____ world to God His Father that He was sent to _____

3. At Resurrection, death was _____, on Judgment Day death will be _____

Answer Key:

Key Point:

1. The King of Kings gave His LIFE for us, and He now LIVES FOREVER

What if Christ Has Not Been Raised?

1. Our preaching is WORTHLESS; our faith is USELESS

Results of Christ Being Raised

1. All who are in Christ follow Him in RESURRECTION
2. Christ hands over the RESTORED world to God His Father that He was sent to RECOVER
3. At Resurrection, death was NULLIFIED, on Judgment Day death will be ANNIHILATED