

***Isn't It True that the
Resurrection Was
Just a Hoax?***

1 Corinthians 15:1-26

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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**1. The empty tomb
is a place to stand.**

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 (ESV) - *Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.*

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive,

*though some have fallen asleep.
7Then he appeared to James, then
to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to
one untimely born, he appeared also
to me. 9For I am the least of the
apostles, unworthy to be called an
apostle, because I persecuted the
church of God. 10But by the grace of
God I am what I am, and his grace*

toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

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

**2. The empty tomb
is a place to think.**

1 Corinthians 15:12–19 (ESV) -

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your

faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you

are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**3. The empty tomb
is a place to live.**

1 Corinthians 15:20–26 (ESV) - *But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ*

the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.