

## He Is Risen! Your Easter Test

### 1Corinthians 15:1-11 Bethel Bible 04/12/20

What does 'He is Risen!' mean to you?

Be careful, because that is a different question than what does 'He is Risen' mean? We are not trying to play word games with this crucial truth of the Christian faith, but they are clearly 2 different questions.

Distancing is a well-used term these days. It is possible, likely probable, that followers of Jesus have allowed some distance to develop in our understanding of and obedience to the good news we celebrate on Easter.

Thus, we look at God's word with the confident assumption that we all could benefit from a simple testing exercise to assess and increase our appreciation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jot down some of the key thoughts as we ask and answer 3 questions from this passage.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Question #1 How essential is the gospel to you? 15:1-2**

Do you remember, know, value, talk about or treasure the good news in these terms?

**Question #2 What is the true gospel? 15:3-7**

What is the good news that you have heard, received, stand in, rely on and continue to pursue?

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Question #3 How does the gospel work? 15:8-11**

How does the life transforming power of the good news that Jesus died, was buried and rose again actually save and give hope to someone?

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

**Keep talking . . .**

1. Tell your friends or family your story of how you were reconciled to God, your receiving Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. Ask anyone you are worshipping with if they would like to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. What are the questions or barriers that keep you from doing that?
3. Pray for friends or family members who need to understand and believe the good news.