

HOLY FOREVER



1 Corinthians 15:3-8 ESV

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

**that Christ died for our sins**

in accordance with the Scriptures,

**<sup>4</sup> that he was buried,**

**that he was raised on the third day**


in accordance with the Scriptures,

**<sup>5</sup> and that he appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve.

<sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

<sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

<sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

A portrait of Gary R. Habermas, a man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red and white striped tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark with a circular, colorful, abstract pattern.

“...subsequent to Jesus' death by crucifixion, his disciples were radically transformed from fearful, cowering individuals who denied and abandoned him at his arrest and execution into bold proclaimers of the gospel of the risen Lord. They remained steadfast in the face of imprisonment, torture, and martyrdom. It is very clear that they sincerely believed that Jesus rose from the dead.”

Gary R. Habermas,  
*The Case For the Resurrection of Jesus*

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

John 15:26-27 ESV

Why is the resurrection of Jesus  
so essential to the gospel message?

...his unique identity  
as Son of God was shown  
by the Spirit when Jesus  
was raised from the dead,  
setting him apart as the  
Messiah, our Master.

Romans 1:4 MSG

“I am the resurrection  
and the life. Whoever believes  
in me, though he die, yet shall  
he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives  
and believes in me shall never  
die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:25-26 ESV

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Isaiah 53

Ephesians 4:17-19 CEB

They base their lives on pointless thinking,  
<sup>18</sup> and they are in the dark in their reasoning.

**They are disconnected from God's life**

because of their ignorance and their closed hearts.

<sup>19</sup> They are people who lack all sense of right and wrong,  
and who have turned themselves over to doing whatever feels good  
and to practicing every sort of corruption along with greed.



Isaiah 55:1-3 ESV

“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live....”

What does “that your soul may live” mean?

increasingly  
come to know  
God intimately,  
as he is with us  
on our journey

increasingly  
come to know  
God's ways and  
understand  
his will

increasingly  
be transformed,  
becoming like  
Jesus from the  
inside out

increasingly  
learn how to live  
in and from God's  
always present  
kingdom

"Whoever  
believes in me,  
though he die  
yet shall he  
live...."