



Step 4 He's alive!

True or False

- It doesn't really matter how we live because everything ends when we die.
- Everyone will be resurrected after their death.
- It's possible to approach death without fear or desperation.

HE'S ALIVE

1. It was the Sunday morning after Jesus' crucifixion when suddenly, the tranquility of the moment was broken. What happened? Matthew 28:1-4 _____

2. What did the angel tell the women? Matthew 28:5-6 _____
Although they were surprised, Jesus had already predicted his death and resurrection. Matthew 16:21
3. Not only did he arise, but Acts 1:9-10 tells us that he also _____
What else does v. 11 promise? _____
4. The resurrection of Jesus is a unique event in world history, so extraordinary in fact that many find it difficult to believe. Romans 1:4 emphasizes the importance of the resurrection when it says that Jesus was declared to be _____ by _____.

**Why is it important for us to know that Jesus rose from the dead?
Does it affect us in any way? Let's see how the Bible answers these questions.**

5. What would happen if Jesus did not rise from the dead?
1 Corinthians 15:12-13 _____
1 Corinthians 15:17 _____

WHAT AWAITS US AFTER WE DIE?

6. Some people do not believe that we all will be resurrected some day. They would agree with those in 1 Corinthians 15:32: "If the dead are not raised let us _____ and _____ for tomorrow _____".

Many want to believe that everything ends when we die. They don't like the idea of being accountable to God for the way they have lived. They'd rather live the way they want without having to think about eternal consequences.



"If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."
1 Cor. 15:32

Do we need to concern ourselves about what happens after our death? John 5:28-29 _____
Why? _____

Legend says that the ostrich hides its head in the sand when it feels threatened, believing that this will protect it from the coming danger. Yet we know this is foolishness, just as foolish as those who believe they can change the reality of the resurrection just because they choose to deny it.

7. When Jesus heard that his friend Lazarus had died, what did he say to his sister Martha? John 11:25-26
I am the _____ and the _____. He who _____ in me will _____, even though he dies; and whoever lives and _____ in me will _____.



DYING STATEMENTS OF THE SAVED?

Some fear death while others await it with tranquility. Here are some words from believers as they approached death.

"Eternity rolls up before me like a sea of glory." 4

"I go with the gladness of a boy bounding away from school. I feel so strong in Christ." 5

"The sun is setting: mine is rising. I go from this bed to a crown. Farewell." 6

"Weep not for me, but for yourselves. I go to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." 7

THINK ABOUT IT

Ephesians 1:20-21 explains that the power of God was what resurrected Christ from the dead.

Now He is sitting at _____
_____.v. 20

Now sitting at the right hand of God, Christ is above all rule and authority... not just in this age but in the one to come.

Think about the importance of knowing that Christ is above all authority and power.

He then asked Martha: *"Do you believe this?"* Later when Lazarus rose from the dead many believed in him, but not all. Some only saw this incident as a threat to their traditions and way of life. ✓ John 11:45-48.

8. Read Acts 17:30-32. Paul spoke to the men of Athens urging them to _____ because God has established a day when he will _____. ✓ v. 30-31

Christ himself will be the judge whose authority was established when God raised him from the dead. (v. 31).

V. 32 When they heard about the resurrection, some _____, while others said _____.



There will always be some who will scoff and others who want to know more. Therefore, we should each ask ourselves:

Do I believe that Jesus rose from the dead? Yes No I don't know

Do I believe that Jesus gives eternal life? Yes No I don't know

Do I believe that I will be raised after my death either for eternal life or for condemnation? Yes No I don't know

It is not sufficient to **know** there will be a resurrection; we must **believe**. As we saw in John 11:25-26, those who believe in Jesus will never die.

9. ✓ 1 Corinthians 15:55 says *"Where, oh death, is your victory?"*. While God says there is victory over death, many today deny it.

Who are you going to believe? _____

10. Something big awaits those who believe in Jesus. What is it?

2 Corinthians 4:14 _____
_____. One day we will be in God's presence forever, along with all who have believed in Christ. Therefore, v. 18 says that we should not focus our attention on things that are _____ rather on those which are _____. Why? _____

Through the resurrection of Jesus, we know that something much more than the grave awaits us. He was the first to ascend to heaven, but not the last. Our death will be a step to something much better than we could ever imagine.

Discuss:

How can we be sure we will be raised to eternal life and not to condemnation?

Should we be concerned if the majority of our friends do not believe in Christ, or if they are indifferent to his promises? Why?