

Listen carefully to the Bible reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verses 1 to 19.

Today is Easter Sunday!
The things we remember at Easter are not just a story.
They really happened.

On Good Friday Jesus really did _____

On Easter Sunday Jesus really did _____

This is what our Bible passage today is all about. It is in the book of 1 Corinthians which is actually a letter.

Who wrote the letter? (Turn back to the beginning of 1 Corinthians if you need to)



Read verse 3 again.

How important were these Easter events that Paul is writing about? Show your answer on the scale:



In verses 3 and 4 there are 3 things that Paul says are hugely important. Did you spot them?

Draw the three things here:

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The verses also say these things are:

"in accordance with the _____"

This means these things happened just as the Old Testament said. Many years ago God had already given his prophets words to say about these events!

But there were some people who didn't believe these things. Paul tells them how he is sure that **Jesus DID rise again!**

First, how many people saw Jesus with their own eyes after he rose from the dead? (v5-7)

2 or 3 people ☐

more than 10 people ☐

more than 50 people ☐

more than 500 people ☐

Second, Paul tells us in verse 8 about someone else who saw Jesus. Who was it?

Paul was once an enemy of Jesus and tried to put Jesus' followers in prison. But one day Jesus appeared to Paul and even Paul became a follower of Jesus!

(You can read that fabulous true story in Acts chapter 9)

Next Paul has a question for the people in the church who don't believe Jesus rose again.

Read verse 14.

Let's think about this. What would it mean if Christ is not risen? Connect the correct parts of the sentences below.

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| then our sins have
not been... | • | • | ...have not
risen either |
| then there is no-one
for us to... | • | • | ...follow |
| then believers who
have died... | • | • | ...worthless |
| our faith is... | • | • | ...forgiven |

Look again at the sentences you just connected together. These things help us to understand why the events of Easter are **SO important**.

Just so we don't forget, what is it that is so hugely important, even of **first importance**?

Write it in the box:

This is something we can celebrate every day, but especially we celebrate this on Easter Sunday.

Because Jesus did rise again:

- a) we can follow the risen Lord _____!
- b) our _____ really can be forgiven!
- c) we know that believers who have _____ are already with the Lord Jesus!
- d) our _____ is not worthless, it is super precious!

Aren't those some wonderful reasons to thank and praise God for Easter?

Pray and **praise** God with your grown up that Jesus rose from the dead.

"...Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures"

1 Corinthians 15v3-4