

# 1 Corinthians 41 – 15:5-19

## Resurrection Proofs

### 1. The Gospel According to Paul

- a. People call MMLJ the “Gospels” but they do not contain Paul’s gospel
- b. The gospel preached in MMLJ was the gospel of the kingdom – Mat 4:23
- c. The gospel of MMLJ is Christ according to the flesh, Paul’s is new – 2 Cor 5:16
- d. Paul begins with Christ’s death (where they left off) - 1 Cor 15:1-10

### 2. 15:5-8 – Eye Witnesses

- a. Peter / Twelve were witnesses of the resurrection – Luke 24:46-48, Acts 1:8, 22
- b. Peter says there is something better than eyewitness: scripture – 2 Pet 1:16-21
- c. Paul (Saul) did not qualify to be one of the twelve – Acts 1:21,26, 2:14
- d. “500 men at once” is more witnesses than many popular historical events
- e. Which James? No one knows, but there were other apostles: Acts 14:14, 1 Cor 9:1
- f. Could be the Lord’s brother, which would explain a lot – John 7:5 vs Gal 1:19
- g. “Last of all” - Paul was blinded Acts 9:3-9, 22:6-13, but... Acts 26:16, 18:9
- h. Paul was last to see Christ, and first for him to show longsuffering – 1 Tim 1:16

### 3. 15:9-10 – Out of Due Time

- a. “least” because... 1 Tim 1:13-15, Acts 8:3, 9:13, 26:9-11, Gal 1:22-23
- b. “least” in worth, but “more” in authority and work – Gal 2:6-9, 2 Cor 11:5
- c. “church of God” (congregation of saints) was the church at Jerusalem – Gal 1:13
- d. “by the grace of God” dispensed to Paul at seeing Christ and afterward: Eph 3:2
- e. God’s grace was effective to Paul who was faithful - Col 1:29, Eph 3:7, 2 Cor 3:5
- f. “born out of due time” – Due time was according Israel’s prophecy - Rom 11:27
- g. The “due time” for Jew *and* Gentile was future, **but now** salvation appears to all

### 4. 15:11-19 – Proofs of the Resurrection

- a. “they” anyone that preaches Christ resurrected – Phil 1:15-17, 1 Cor 1:12, 3:5
- b. A denial of resurrection has dire consequences: this is Paul’s theme.
- c. There is often a difference between what the teacher says and the people believe
- d. Resurrection must be proved; else, the preaching and their belief was vain – 15:2
  - i. This vain faith is different than James 2:20, since the faith is different
- e. Many do not believe in bodily resurrection, they are attacking their own faith.
- f. Without resurrection the entire gospel enterprise should go home.
- g. Resurrection affects the ministry (preaching): 1 Cor 15:1-10, Gal 2:20
- h. Resurrection affects their belief: Rom 4:25, Rom 8:9, 1 Cor 1:30
- i. Resurrection affects their standing (service): 1 Cor 15:33, Rom 5:2-3, 6:4, 8:11

## **Gospels (Falsely so-called)**

1. Receiving Jesus
2. Asking Jesus into your heart
3. Accepting Jesus
4. Believing in Jesus
5. Opening your heart's door
6. Saying the sinner's prayer
7. Confessing your sins
8. Making Jesus Lord of your life
9. Trusting God
10. Having a personal relationship with Jesus
11. Experiencing Jesus
12. Feeling the presence of Jesus
13. Walking with Jesus
14. Loving Jesus [God, Lord]
15. Keeping the 10 commandments
16. Obeying God
17. Repenting [when used to mean stop sinning]
18. Turning your life around
19. Being water baptized
20. Speaking in tongues
21. Paying tithes
22. Do good deeds (helping other people)
23. Do your best to live a good life
24. Take Holy Communion [Eucharist, Mass, Lord's table]
25. Experiencing God's love
26. Going to church
27. Following Jesus
28. Carrying our cross daily
29. Serving the Lord with all your heart
30. Being nice [good, happy, not angry]

## **Paul's Proofs of Resurrection**

1. It is according to the scriptures (else, God's word is without effect)
2. It was preached as the gospel (else, the preaching is vain)
3. It is object of their faith (else, ye are fools for believing)
4. Eyewitness accounts (else, Paul is a liar, as well as all the witnesses)
5. It is required for salvation (else, they are yet in their sins)
6. Hope for the dead in Christ – martyrs (else, they are all perished)
7. Hope for those alive (else, there is no hope to defeat death)
8. The purpose of those baptized for the dead (else, what do they do)
9. The sacrifice made by Paul/ Christians is for something (else, it is pointless)
10. There is victory over death and sin (else, our life is vain)