

BIBLE CHALLENGE -

In **four words**, what is the gospel message that Paul delivered to the Corinthians?

Christ:

D _ _ _ _

was B _ _ _ _ _

R _ _ _ _ _ from the dead

A _ _ _ _ _

What is another word for being raised from the dead?

R _ _ _ _ _

What is the last enemy to be destroyed?!?

Why do you think Jesus Christ being raised from the dead so important?

1 Corinthians 15.1-26

Underline raised and resurrection

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received: that 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, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

He is Risen!

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Mark 16.1-14 underline the phrase He has risen

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. [[Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen] (*do you notice anything unusual about this passage?* _____)

Draw a picture that illustrates this passage in Mark :

1 Corinthians 15.1-26 [please see ‘Bible Challenge’ for this scripture]

He is Risen!

1. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ *seals the truth* of the Gospel

2. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ *validates our faith*.

Validate – to prove that something is real

- ✚ Because Christ has been raised:
 - Our preaching is powerful
 - Our faith is full of purpose
 - Our faith is effective
 - We are no longer in our sins
 - We have genuine hope in this life and the life beyond
- ✚ Unlike other religions our faith does NOT rest on:
 - Our *own* experience
 - Some *other* human's 'spiritual experience'
 - Emotions – what feels good, what makes us 'happy' or 'peaceful'
 - Human wisdom
 - Human work
- ✚ Our faith rests on historic reality
 - Christ died
 - Christ was buried
 - Christ was raised from the dead
 - Christ appeared to witnesses

3. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ *overcomes ALL the power of death and evil*



Write a statement about your decision to believe in Jesus' life, death and resurrection:

I believe...

Fill in the blanks with words from today's sermon notes and scripture readings. The highlighted letters spell the CODEWORD

Jesus was _____ from the dead.

Jesus _____ to many witnesses

Who were the women instructed to tell?

The resurrection seals the _____ of the Gospel

The angel said to the women 'He has ____ !'

Why did the women say nothing?

Paul reminded the brothers of the _____ he preached.

Jesus of Nazareth was _____

A young man in the tomb was dressed in _

The resurrection validates our _____

The resurrection _____ the power of death

The _____ was rolled from the tomb

The CODEWORD is:
