

**JESUS
IS
ALIVE**

4-16-17

Overhead – Jesus’ Hands extended with nail marks!

John 20:19–21 (ESV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, Sunday, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, **“Peace be with you.”** ²⁰ **When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.** Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”**

Jesus is alive and HE is sending us just as God the Father sent HIM. In this world there are many philosophies, religions, and political persuasions, but one thing all these people have in common, “They will die!”

We know Jesus was resurrected and each believer has the promise of the same resurrection. We declare Jesus! We have Jesus and only Jesus!!!!!!

1 Corinthians 15:14 (ESV)

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and **your faith is in vain.**

We have Jesus resurrected or we have nothing!

1 Corinthians 15:17 (ESV)

And if Christ has not been raised, **your faith is futile** and you are still in your sins.

If no resurrection, we are worse off than everyone!

1 Corinthians 15:19 (ESV)

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, **we are of all people most to be pitied.**

If the dead are not raised, “Let’s Party!”

1 Corinthians 15:32 (ESV)

If the dead are not raised, **“Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”**

However, we have eternal truth! After seeing the resurrected Jesus and having a glimpse of heaven, Paul declares:

Philippians 1:21–24 (ESV)

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

At death we step into heaven face to face with Jesus.
At the resurrection we will receive a resurrected body.

1 Corinthians 15:42 (ESV)

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; **what is raised** is imperishable.

The risen Jesus Christ will return with the blast of the heavenly trumpet and all those who trusted in Jesus Christ will receive their resurrected body!



1 Corinthians 15:51 (ES)

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1 Corinthians 15:52 (ESV)

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:53 (ESV)

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:54 (ESV)

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

1 Corinthians 15:55 (ESV)

**“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”**

In 1Thessalonians 4:16-18, Paul again describes the Resurrection!

1 Thessalonians 4:16–18 (ESV)

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

**Closing! In v.18, we are given a very clear command!
Therefore encourage one another with these words.**