



“What If?”

I Corinthians 15:12-20

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Happy Easter!

What is the significance of Easter? Is it a Holiday or a Holy Day?

What if Christ is not risen? Five potential conclusions to consider...

1. Our _____ is empty. (v. 14)

- Preaching = “_____” (The Gospel = I Cor. 15:1-4)
- “empty” means “useless” (NIV); “vain” (KJV, ESV).
- When we preach the Bible, we proclaim _____. (John 8:32)
- When we share the Good News, the power of God is at work; lives are changed; people are blessed. (Hebrews 4:12)

2. Our _____ is empty. (v. 14,17)

- V. 14 = “empty or useless” V. 17 = “futile and fruitless”
- Our faith is not in _____. (John 1:12)
- Our sins have been forgiven. (Ephesians 1:7)
- We are a new _____ in Christ. (II Corinthians 5:17)

Resources:

- *“Evidence That Demands a Verdict”* by Josh McDowell.
- *“The Case for Faith”* by Lee Strobel
- *“The Case for ... (Creator, Christ, Easter, etc.)”* by Lee Strobel.

3. We are false _____. (v. 15,16)

- When we share with people that Jesus can set them free from sin and bondage, we speak _____!
- When we witness to others about what God has done in our lives, we are being honest.
- When we tell someone that Jesus lives, we share _____ with them.
- Ever commit perjury?

4. All the _____ have perished. (v. 18)

- A “Saint” is a “Believer.”
- All the Saints are with _____. (Psalm 116:15; John 14:1-3)
- Jesus did not _____ to us.
- What are you basing your eternity on?

5. We are most _____. (v. 19)

- We can rejoice because we know He lives!
- We don’t have to be _____. We have peace, joy, contentment, love, etc.
- There are millions of people without _____.
- Hope is found in Jesus Christ. (I Peter 1:3-4)

**What do you think the world would be like
if Jesus died and stayed dead?**

Your NEXT STEPS?