

E A S T E R

Believe Again

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1, 3–7; Galatians 1:18–19; Acts 4:10, 12–13, 19–20

Idea: He died for our sins and was buried. He rose from the dead and was seen. It was enough then. It's still enough today.

I love Easter. Easter is the anchor for the Christian faith.

The **Resurrection** of Jesus

... created Christianity and launched the church. Before the resurrection, there were no Christians—no followers.

Nobody was counting down backwards.

Nobody expected “**no body**.”

The Apostle Paul, in a letter to Christians in Corinth in the first century, sums it up like this:

1 Corinthians 15:1, 3–7

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the **gospel** I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

³ For what I **received** I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ **died** for our sins according to the Scriptures,

⁴ that he was **buried**, that he was **raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he **appeared** to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

⁶ After that, he appeared to more than **five hundred** of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are **still living**, though some have fallen **asleep**.

⁷ Then he appeared to **James**, then to all the **apostles**.

*Since the resurrection is the hook on which everything hangs, I want to assure those who **believe but sometimes wonder** . . .*

Believe but **wonder** . . .