

PALM SUNDAY

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

March 24, 2024

BELONG

Get to Know One Another

What are some of the Easter traditions that you and your family have?

BELIEVE

Read this Week's Scripture

In **1 Corinthians 15**, Paul focuses his letter to the Corinthians on the doctrine of Christ's resurrection. The death and resurrection of Jesus are the center of Paul's teaching. Only by Jesus's death and resurrection can the problem of sin and death be overcome. Christ's death on the cross is God's solution to the problem of sin, and Christ's resurrection from the grave is God's solution to the problem of death. And being that we are in the Easter celebration, we can appreciate the weight of what Paul is teaching here.

Specifically in **chapter 15**, Paul addresses the Corinthians who denied the future bodily resurrection of believers. Paul clearly teaches that the resurrection is essential doctrine to Christians. The first part of chapter 15, he argues the reality of the resurrection, and the last part [35-58] Paul explains how resurrection is even possible.

Today, we will be in **verses 35-58**. Let's get started.

BUILD

Engage the Scripture

Have someone in your group read **1 Corinthians 15:35-41**

Question 1: How does Paul describe the person who **asks** how bodily resurrection happens?

- Is this how you typically respond when someone asks you about resurrection?
- Why do you think that Paul is so harsh/ direct?

Question 2: What point do you think that Paul is trying to make by the following examples:

- The seed? [**verses 36-38**]
- The animals? [**verse 39**]
- The heavenly/ earthly bodies? [**verses 40-41**]

Have someone in your group read **1 Corinthians 15:42-49**

Question 3: Paul sets up at least 4 contrasts in **verses 42-44a** between our current earthly bodies and the resurrection bodies that we will one day be given. List them out and comment on at least one the contrasts.

- sown **perishable** - raised **imperishable**
- sown in **dishonor** - raised in **glory**
- sown in **weakness** - raised in **power**
- sown a **natural** body - raised a **spiritual** body

Which one stands out to you the most?

Question 4: What does it mean that our present body is perishable? [verse 42]

- What does it mean that our future body will be imperishable?

Question 5: What link does Paul make between Adam and Jesus in verse 45?

- How does it relate to the link he makes between Adam and Jesus in [Romans 5:12-21](#)?

Question 5: What error in thinking does Paul expose in verse 46?

- How was that error manifesting itself in some of the Corinthian believers?
- How does he correct that error in [verses 47-49](#)?

Have someone in your group read [1 Corinthians 15:50-58](#)

Question 7: What principle does Paul lay down in verse 50?

Question 8: What do we learn about the “end time” from [verses 50-54](#)?

Question 9: What is Paul’s point in [verse 56](#) regarding death, sin, sting, and power?

- How has God given Christians the victory over death?
- What difference does it make that death has been defeated by Christ?

Question 10: What difference does it make that we will be resurrected?

- How should Christ’s resurrection and the hope of your own bodily transformation affect your priorities?

Question 11: What encourages you to push on with the Christian life: [Why?]

- The hope of resurrection?
- The fear of hell and judgment [*fire insurance!*]?
- The knowledge that God will reward faithfulness?
- Peer pressure?
- Or, is it something else?

BEGIN

Response and Prayer

How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

- Spend some group time-sharing requests and praying specifically for them.
- Spend some time praying for FBC and how God is working in and through FBC Portland.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Blue Letter Bible: [1 Corinthians 15](#): Check out the QR code to learn more.



Precept Austin: [1 Corinthians 15](#): Check out the QR code to learn more.

