

# Why is the Resurrection Important?

*I Corinthians 15:35-57*

Intro:

1. **ILL: What I thought of Easter when I was a kid.**
2. Easter is the celebration of the Lord's victory over death!
3. So why is that important?

## I. Because It Confirms that Jesus is Who He Claimed to Be

A. There were other resurrections recorded in the Bible:

1. From the Old Testament.
  - a. Elijah raised the widow's son (**I Kgs 17:21-22**).
  - b. Elisha raised the Shunammite's son (**II Kgs 4:32-35**).
  - c. The dead man touched Elijah's bones (**II Kgs 13:20-21**).
2. The apostles.
  - a. Peter raised Dorcas (**Act 9:40**).
  - b. Paul raised Eutychus (**Act 20:9-10**).
3. The Lord Himself.
  - a. He raised Jairus' daughter (**Mk 5:41-42**).
  - b. He raised the Widow of Nain's son (**Lk 7:12-15**).

B. So - what makes this resurrection different?

1. All these people died again!
2. Only Lord Jesus had the power to raise Himself never to die again.
3. Lord Jesus claimed to be God Himself - the resurrection gives evidence of that claim!

## II. v35-57 - Because It Enables You to Have a New Spiritual Body to Live In Forever!

A. This new body will be far superior to the one you have now.

### Earthy Body

1. **v37** - Like a seed (small & ugly)
2. **v41** - Like the moon & stars
3. **v42** - Perishable
4. **v43** - Sown in dishonor
5. **v43** - Sown in weakness
6. **v44** - Natural (material)
7. **v45** - Like the 1st Adam = life being
8. **v47** - Of the dust of the earth

### Resurrection Body

- v37** - Like the resulting plant (big, beautiful)
- v41** - Like the sun (brilliant)
- v42** - Imperishable
- v43** - Raised in glory
- v43** - Raised in power
- v44** - Spiritual (like the air)
- v45** - Like the 2nd Adam = life giving
- v47** - Of heaven

B. **v50-54** - You can't exist in heaven with the body you have now!

1. When the trumpet of God sounds we will be changed instantly.
2. The dead will at that time also be brought to life & changed.
3. **v53-54** - We will be able to live forever!

C. For us as Christians - the temporary becomes the permanent!

1. You've heard, "Nothings for sure except death & taxes!" Not anymore! **I Cor 15:26 - The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**
2. The resurrection gives a new definition to death = it's no longer the end of life but a launching pad into the kingdom of God! It's a transition.
3. **ILL: Andrew (Touched by an Angel) simply leads them away!**

Why is the Resurrection Important?

It gives hope to an otherwise short, dismal existence.

If only for this life we have hope in Christ,  
we are to be pitied more than all men. - I Cor 15:19.

Because Lord Jesus is alive today - you have the hope of living forever in a  
glorious resurrection body!

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