

“Easter: What’s the Big Deal?” (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

**Why is there a Concerted effort to Eliminate Christmas and Easter
from our Culture?**

Bottom Line: Does an All-Powerful, All-Wise, Absolutely Holy God Exist?

The Ultimate Issue: *Who is Jesus Christ?*

**The Issue is *Not Trivial*; because we are not the *Jury*, but *Defendants*:
Listening to Evidence, and coming to a Decision that bear Eternal Consequence**

**Romans 1:1-5: The Human Nature of Jesus Christ is revealed in His Incarnation – Christmas,
and the Divine Nature of Jesus Christ is revealed in His Resurrection from the Dead – Easter**

I. Conviction – Salvation through Believing in the Gospel (vv 1–2)

**The Message of the Gospel is based on the Fact of Christ’s Resurrection,
and it will Transform a Genuine Believer’s Perspective about life**

II. Prophecies in the Old Testament Scriptures (vv 3–4)

The Historical Facts of the Gospel is: “Christ Died... He was Buried... He Rose again...”

A. Christ Died for our Sins and was Buried

- 1. The Passover (Exodus 12:1-30): It is no Coincidence that Jesus Christ was
Condemned and Died during the Passover**
- 2. Jesus was our Sacrificial Lamb (Isaiah 53:5-7)**
- 3. Isaiah Prophesied of His Burial with the rich (Isaiah 53:9; cf. Matt 27:57-61)**

B. Christ’s Resurrection on the 3rd day

- 1. The Experience of Jonah Prophesied Jesus’ Death and Resurrection (Matt 12:38–41)**
- 2. The Prophets Foretold of Jesus’ Resurrection (Isaiah 53:10–12; Psalm 16:8–11)**

III. The Resurrected Christ was seen by Many Witnesses (vv 5–11)

A. Eyewitnesses of the Resurrected Christ (vv 5–8)

B. Many convincing proofs (Acts 1:3-4): Appearances, Teaching over 40 days...

C. The Fact of Changed Lives

Easter – the Message of Hope:

Jesus Christ had to Die and had to be Raised from the Dead

As Fully Man, yet Fully God,

Jesus Christ presented Himself as man’s Only Perfect Savior

You have become a Defendant to what you have heard today...

**Choose to Re-orient your Life’s Priorities,
and share the Message of Easter to others, because... Easter is a Big Deal!**