

The background of the image is a vibrant sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and deep red. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. In the foreground, there is a hilly landscape with rolling hills. A prominent hill in the center has a cross on top. The overall mood is peaceful and celebratory.

# He is Risen!

CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY



# Evidences for the Resurrection

From 1 Corinthians 15:1-8





## Three Evidences for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-8)

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# Belief in the resurrection is an essential part of Christianity

**Romans 10:9** ““If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

**1 Corinthians 15:17** “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless, you are still in your sins.”

**Romans 4.25** “Delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.”

## **1 Corinthians 15:1-22**

“Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.”





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## The Testimony of Scripture

**Genesis 3:15** [God to Satan] “And I will put enmity between you and the women, and between your seed and her seed; He [Her Son] shall bruise you [Satan] on the head, and you [Satan] shall bruise him [The Son] on the heel.”

**Isaiah 53** (written 700 years BEFORE Christ)

**Psalms 22:16-18** “For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. they look, they stare at me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

**Psalms 16:10** “for You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.”

**Psalms 2:7** “I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD; He said to Me, “You are My Son, today I have begotten You.”



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## **Virgin birth:**

- ✓ Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign; Behold a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”

## **From Bethlehem:**

- ✓ Micah 5:2 “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago from days of eternity.”

**Zech. 12:10** “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.”



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## Eyewitness Testimony

1 John 1:1-4 “What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.



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Andrew:	<u>Crucified</u> on a diagonal (X) Cross
Philip:	<u>Crucified</u> 54 AD
Bartholomew (Nathaniel)	<u>Flayed</u> alive and then beheaded.
Matthew:	Killed by an <u>axe</u> in 60AD
Thomas	Killed by a <u>spear</u> (India) 72 AD
Jude	<u>Crucified</u>
James son of Alphaeus	<u>Stoned</u> at age 90 then <u>clubbed</u> to death
Simon the Zealot	<u>Crucified</u> 74 AD
Matthias (Judas repl)	<u>Stoned</u> and <u>beheaded</u> .
James (Jesus ½ brother)	<u>Stoned</u> At his death proclaimed “[Jesus] sits in Heaven, at the right hand of the Great Power, and shall come on the clouds of heaven.”

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