

# Jesus Defeats Death & Offers New Life

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Apr 5, 2026

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[Online Bulletin](#)

1. FaithMoms; April 9
2. New Visitors' Lunch; April 12
3. Financial Peace University; begins April 12
4. Cookie Sunday; April 12
5. Women's Retreat; April 17-19
6. Wild Game Feast; April 24
7. How to Speak to your Relatives; April 26
8. Senior Saints Potluck; May 3
9. Class: The Art of Marriage; May 9

## INTRODUCTION:

Read our passage.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **The Core of the Message:** In verses 3 and 4, Paul lists the "matters of first importance." Why do you think he emphasizes that Christ died and rose again "in accordance with the Scriptures"? How does connecting Jesus to the Old Testament change the way we view the Gospel?
2. **The Weight of Evidence:** Paul lists several witnesses who saw the risen Jesus, including a group of more than 500 people (v. 6). In a world that often views faith

as "blind," how does this list of eyewitnesses affect your confidence in the historical reality of the resurrection?

3. **Identity and Transformation:** Paul refers to himself as "unworthy" and the "least of the apostles" because of his past (v. 9). How does Paul's transformation from a persecutor of the church to a preacher of the faith serve as a "living proof" of the Gospel he is defending?
4. **The Balance of Grace and Effort:** In verse 10, Paul says, "By the grace of God I am what I am," but follows it by saying he "worked harder than any of them." How do we balance resting in God's grace with the call to work hard for His kingdom? Does one fuel the other?
5. **Your Story:** We considered how Jesus' death and resurrection transformed Peter, who was shackled with guilt, James who was deeply skeptical, and Paul who was incredibly hostile. Which person's story resonates with yours? How has and how is Jesus' death and resurrection shaping your life?

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for ongoing outreach and missions, people in our body, and for our leaders.

**Personal Practical Application:** What was the most significant truth God showed you this week? How can you apply that to your life today?