



## ***Why Believe in the Resurrection?***

### **1 Corinthians 15**

Pastor Matt Friend – August 16, 2020 (TV sermon)

#### *Because...*

1. Jesus physically, publicly, and powerfully arose from the grave on a Sunday morning, *probably* April 5, AD 33. (vv. 1-11; cf. Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 21-21)
2. It reminds us that what God did for Jesus on the first Easter, He has promised to do for every Jesus follower, and for the entire universe. (vv. 12-28, 35-57; cf. John 5:24-29; Romans 8:9-11, 18-25; Ephesians 1:10; Colossians 1:15-20; Revelation 21-22)
  - When a Christian dies, his/her spirit goes to heaven. (Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23) This is spiritual “life after death,” but it’s *not* resurrection.
  - But one day, when Jesus returns, our spirits will reunite with new bodies. This is physical “life after death.” This *is* resurrection. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
3. It inspires us to attempt great things for God—and never give up—In the meantime. (vv. 30-34; 58; cf. Matthew 6:9-10; 28:18-20; Romans 8:12-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; 10:31)

#### **Book Recommendation:**

[\*Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church\*](#) by N. T. Wright