

# 1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS

## PART FOUR: GOSPEL POWER

### Part 4, Week 4:

The resurrection of Jesus might be the most difficult part of the Christian faith to acknowledge. We believe that it literally happened though. Why? The answer isn't because the Bible said so, but rather, because lots of people actually saw him after it occurred. Additionally, according to 1 Corinthians 15, Jesus' resurrection overcame two of humanity's greatest enemies – sin and death – and, therefore, became the foundation for his followers' eventual resurrections as well.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What is the weirdest thing you were ever an eyewitness to? What event or incident did you experience first hand, that is so unimaginable, if you weren't there you wouldn't believe it yourself.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. How do you think this “who's who” list of Bible characters helped Paul's defense that the resurrection really happened? In what ways does this evidence still hold weight today?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-28. What logical arguments or illustrations does Paul use to identify Jesus' resurrection as a prerequisite for his followers' resurrections? How is this helpful or confusing for understanding the importance of the resurrection?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-49. What surprises you most about these verses? What aspects of the resurrection would you like God to give you further clarification about? What elements excite you? What parts do you find concerning?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. Paul quotes two verses from the Old Testament (Isaiah 25:8 and Hosea 13:14) as he describes how God put the proverbial “nail in the coffin” when it comes to death. What do these words mean to you: *“Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, death, is your victory? Where, death, is your sting?”* If “sin and death” have been defeated by the resurrection, how has this reality made life different for you?