



Journey of Faith  
Christian Life in the Beach Cities

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### “Do You Really Believe This Stuff?”

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20).

#### WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION...

1. There would be no Christian teaching or church.

“Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve” (1 Cor. 15:1-5).

2. Christianity has been a waste of time.

“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14).

3. All preachers are liars.

“More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised” (1 Corinthians 15:15).

“Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days’” (John 2:19).

#### WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION continued...

4. The rest of the gospel is false.

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins” (1 Corinthians 15:17).

5. I will never see my dead loved ones again.

“Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost” (1 Corinthians 15:18).

6. Christianity is no better than any pagan philosophy.

“If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men” (1 Corinthians 15:19).

7. There is no life after death.

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20).

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me” (Revelation 3:20).

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’” (John 11:25-26).