Pk's Perspectives ... I am the Resurrection and the Life

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." —Peter

"Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The concept of resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed." —John Stott

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live..." —Jesus

"The Gospels do not explain the resurrection; the resurrection explains the Gospels. Belief in the resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith; it is the Christian faith."

—John S. Whale

"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world-and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible."

-Chuck Colson

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." — Paul

"Temporary or unstable hope for the future is not enough—our hope must be permanent and unchangeable. ...We were created by God to enjoy an unending relationship with Him, but sin stands in our way. Something deep within us cries out against that separation, and we want to believe there is more to life than what we're seeing in the here and now. God's ultimate answer to our longing for eternal life is the precious gift of His own Son. Jesus gave us all the assurance we will ever need for this life and the life to come: 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live'." —The Knowing Jesus Study Bible

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that He said; if He didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what He said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like His teaching but whether or not He rose from the dead." —

Timothy Keller

"Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection." — Watchman Nee

"Jesus Christ did not come into this world to make bad people good; he came into this world to make dead people live."

-Lee Strobel