Acts 17:30-31 Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.

Romans 10:9 If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

I Corinthians 15:20-22 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. I Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.”

I Corinthians 15:31-32 I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.

I Corinthians 15:54-58 Then will come about the saying that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:1-19 If there were no Easter, according to Scripture, life is ________________.

1. We would have no grip on spiritual reality.
2. We are stuck with a ________________ existence.
3. ________________ is vain.
4. All ________________ is vain.
5. We are still in our ________________.
6. ________________ wins.
7. The ________________ is pitiable.

II. Why believe in Easter

1. The ________________ says Christ arose.
2. The risen Christ has ________________.
   a. The absurdity of apostles dying for what they knew was a lie.
   b. The failure of gospel enemies to explain what happened.

III. Since Easter is true…

1. We know Jesus is God’s ________________.
   a. He is either a l______________, a l______________, or L______________.
2. We must get ready to ________________ Jesus.
3. We must believe in Jesus with the ________________.
4. We shall live forever.
5. We should ________________ Christ with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.
Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

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