THE ABC's of CHRISTIANITY JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN

HERE'S WHY THAT MATTERS:

...it answers one of the most important questions people have

"If mortals die, can they live again? This thought would give me hope, and through my struggle I would eagerly wait for release." Job 14:14 NLT

IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

... It proves there is life after death

"I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me-that Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the twelve apostles. After that, He was seen by more than five hundred of His followers at one time...."

1 Corinthians 15: 3-6 NLT

"For we are not making up clever stories when we told you about the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and His coming again. We have seen His majestic splendor with our own eyes." 2 Peter 1:16 NLT

"But tell me this- since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ was not raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your trust in God is useless... but the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead." 1 Corinthians 15:12-14, 20 NLT

... it shows what life after death is like

"But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead. He has become the first of a great harvest of those who will be raised to life again." 1 Corinthians 15:20 NLT

"...and we can't even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when He comes we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He really is." 1 John 3:2 NLT

"Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8 NLT "Don't be surprised! Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son, and they will rise again." John 5:28-29 NLT

"Why are you frightened? He asked. "Why do you doubt who I am? Look at My hands. Look at My feet. You can see that it's really Me. Touch Me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see I do!"...Still they stood there doubting, filled with joy and wonder. Then He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He ate it as they watched." Luke 24: 38-40, 41-43 NLT

"There are bodies in the heavens, and there are bodies on earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the beauty of the earthly bodies." 1 Corinthians 15:40 NLT

"When this happens-when our perishable earthly bodies have been transformed into heavenly bodies, that will never die-then at last the Scriptures will come true: 'Death is swallowed up in victory...'"

1 Corinthians 15:54 NLT

"So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and steady, always enthusiastic about the Lord's work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." 1 Corinthians 15:58 NLT

... it shows the price paid for our eternal life

"For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. How we thank God, who gives us the victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ our Lord!" 1 Corinthians 15:56 NLT

"But He was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed." Isaiah 53:5 NLT

You can't afford it, but you must receive it.

In one sense it doesn't cost us anything to come to Christ...in another sense it costs us everything.

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