



Introduction

Death need not be the end.

The apostle Paul says that our caring God can raise us from the dead. He explains that Jesus' resurrection shows that we can be raised as well.



Questions

1. What three things does Paul want them to know happened to Christ?
2. What are the first three consequences that Paul says there are if there is no resurrection?
3. What is the last enemy that Christ will abolish?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 11** The death and resurrection of Jesus is central to Paul's message. He lists those who have seen the resurrected Jesus Christ
- **v 12 to 19** Paul states that if Jesus Christ has not risen, we are wasting our time being Christ's followers
- **v 20 to 28** Paul says:
 - Jesus Christ is the first of many who will rise from the dead (see theme)
 - those who are in Christ will also be raised when Jesus comes back to the earth
 - Jesus Christ will rule until all enemies including death are overcome
- **v 29 to 34** Paul questions why some think they can be baptised for the dead and why he risks his life preaching if the dead don't rise. We should keep away from people who deny the resurrection
- **v 35 to 58** Paul contrasts our current dying body with the immortal body Christ's followers will be given, and rejoices that death need not be the end

Timeline AD 30 (see below)



Theme

Many will rise from the dead and live forever

A selection of verses showing that God's plan is to raise people from the dead.

The prophet Daniel speaks of a time when the dead will rise from the grave:

Daniel 12 verse 2

The prophet Hosea says that God will raise people from Sheol (the place of the dead):

Hosea 13 verse 14

Martha, one of Jesus' followers, expresses her belief that her dead brother will rise from the dead. Jesus then tells her that it is through belief in him that we can be raised:

John 11 verses 24 and 25



The apostle Paul, when he is on trial, makes it clear that he believes in the resurrection of the dead:

Acts 24 verses 14 and 15

The apostle Paul tells the believers at Philippi that being raised from the dead is the most important thing to him:

Philippians 3 verses 10 and 11

Paul tells the believers in Thessalonica that the resurrection will take place at the return of Jesus Christ:

1 Thessalonians 4 verse 16

Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 and 4, Q 2: v 13 and 14, Q 3: v 26



Bible timeline

