

**CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements**  
**Week of 4/4/21**

**Sermon Discussion Questions | 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-21**

1. The resurrection of Jesus was a historical event that was witnessed by many people. Consider the evidence that Paul lays out for us at the beginning of 1 Corinthians 15. Look up the verses in the parentheses to trace the argument Paul is making.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received (1 Corinthians 11:3, Galatians 1:12): that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas/Peter (Luke 24:34), then to the twelve (Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36; John 20:19, 26; Acts 10:41). **6** Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James (Acts 12:17), then to all the apostles (Luke 24:50; Acts 1:3, 4). **8** Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me (Acts 9:1-19).

2. In the sermon Omar made the observation that a bodily resurrection was a completely unexpected promise. Other worldviews of the ancient world did not see the importance of the body. Compare/contrast modern worldviews to these ancient ones.
  - **Greco-Roman** thought looked down on the physical realm – so the idea of salvation meaning being embodied would have been undesirable – eternal soul sure... body, no way.
  - **Eastern religions** also saw the body as a prison house for the soul – so resurrection would have been unthinkable to them.
  - **Judaism** was divided on the notion of resurrection – but those who did believe held that it was something that would happen at the end of history, not in the middle of it.
3. Read the resurrection accounts in the gospels (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20). After each passage ask the following three questions.
  - a. Is there anything you are noticing for the first time in this account?
  - b. Was there some aspect of the resurrection account that you remembered differently?
  - c. What questions do you still have about something you read/heard?

**Announcements:**

On Sunday, April 11 Ted and Carolyn Turneau, a missionary couple we support, will be visiting us virtually at 9am during the Sunday School hour. If you are able, **please plan to attend the Adult Education class that week to hear from the Turneaus**, who work as teachers at two different Christian institutions in Prague, Czech Republic. We will be able to hear about the opportunities and challenges of reaching out to students during the pandemic and have the chance to ask questions and pray for them "in person."