

# Hope Has a Name

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## 1. Why is the Resurrection so central to the Christian Faith?

I Corinthians 15:14-19

- Without it we have no \_\_\_\_\_.
- Without it no one will ever enter God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Without it Christians are \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Why is the Resurrection so Believable?

- Numerous \_\_\_\_\_.
- Grave is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Life \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 1:15-23

- If Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_, go and \_\_\_\_\_ like it is true.

## FURTHER STUDY

1. Studies show 75% of Americans believe the resurrection to be true. In light of this, why do you think so many choose not to follow Christ or live like this is true?
2. Understanding who Jesus is and what he has done for us is the essential message of the resurrection. The following passages all contain statements that Jesus made about himself. For each one, identify what he says about himself and any ways you can think of how his description of himself can impact our lives as followers.

Matthew 11:29

John 6:35

John 8:12

John 10:14-15

John 14:6

⇒ Which of the descriptions of Jesus catches your attention the most and why?

3. When someone decides to live in light of the reality of the resurrection, there is a cost involved, because anything worth much usually cost much. How do Jesus' words about the cost of following him in Luke 14:25-35 fit with your spiritual journey and/or experience in following him?
4. In reality, living out your faith is the best proof of a resurrected Jesus. Christians have often called it being the "hands and feet of Jesus."

⇒ How do the following verses reinforce this idea and describe what this looks like?

Matthew 5:13-16

1 Peter 2:15-17

Philippians 2:1-5