



CHRISTUS VICTOR

1 CORINTHIANS 15

April 20, 2025

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1 Corinthians 15:12-
26, 54-58

1. How were you moved to worship and praise Jesus through the Tenebrae and Resurrection Morning services this weekend?
2. Discuss 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 – how do these two verses set up of the chapter? What does it look like for someone to “receive,” “stand in,” and “hold fast” to the gospel?
3. How does Paul make his case that everything hangs on the reality of the resurrection (vs. 12-20)? How does Christianity fall apart if the resurrection of Jesus Christ didn’t happen?
4. What does it mean that Jesus is *victor* over sin and death? How does the resurrection vindicate Jesus’ identity and mission?
5. How does the fact that Jesus is a conquering King and is victorious motivate you to live for Him?

Question 26: How is Christ a king?

Answer: As a king, Christ brings us under His power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and all our enemies.)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism (Modern English):

6. Meditate on 1 Cor. 15:58 and discuss How can we live as resurrection people today?

Melito of Sardis, preaching over 1800 years ago about the crucifixion and resurrection (from his sermon “*On the Passover*”), said this:

*The one who hung the earth in space, is himself hanged;
the one who fixed the heavens in place, is himself impaled;
the one who firmly fixed all things, is himself firmly fixed to the tree.
The Lord is insulted, God has been murdered,
the King of Israel has been destroyed by the right hand of Israel.*

*...[but after He had] suffered for the sake of the sufferer,
and had been bound for the sake of the imprisoned,
and had been judged for the sake of the condemned,
and buried for the sake of the one who was buried,
he rose up from the dead, and cried aloud with this voice...*

*I, he says, am the Christ.
I am the one who destroyed death,
and triumphed over the enemy,
and trampled Hades under foot,
and bound the strong one,
and carried off man to the heights of heaven,*

*I, he says, am the Christ.
Therefore, come, all families of men,
you who have been polluted with sins,
and receive forgiveness for your sins.*

*I am your forgiveness,
I am the Passover of your salvation,
I am the lamb which was sacrificed for you,
I am your ransom,
I am your light,
I am your savior,
I am your resurrection,
I am your king!*