

# SERMON NOTES

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**Text:** Mark 15:1-4

**Title:** He Is Risen

**Big Idea:** The gospel of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection is the foundation we receive, the truth we stand on, and the hope we hold fast to.



**I. PREACH THE GOSPEL (v. 1)**

*Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you...*

**II. RECEIVE THE GOSPEL (v. 1)**

*which you received...*

**III. STAND ON THE GOSPEL (v. 1)**

*in which you stand...*

**IV. BE SAVED BY THE GOSPEL (v. 2)**

*and by which you are being saved...*

**V. HOLD FAST THE GOSPEL (v. 2)**

*if you hold fast to the word I preached to you...*

**VI. DON'T BELIEVE THE GOSPEL IN VAIN (v. 2)**

*unless you believed in vain.*

**VII. MAKE THE GOSPEL YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY (vv. 3-4)**

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:*

**A. Christ Died for Our Sins**

*that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures*

**B. Christ Was Buried**

*that he was buried*

**C. Christ Was Raised on the Third Day**

*that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.*

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.*

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### READ 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

What is the gospel Paul is reminding the Corinthians of? Why do you think Paul calls it “of first importance”? How would you personally summarize the gospel in a sentence?

What does it mean to “stand” in the gospel and be “saved” by it? How does the gospel continue to affect your daily life—not just your salvation moment? What does it look like to “hold fast” to the word Paul preached?

Paul says “unless you believed in vain.” What do you think he means by that? How can someone examine whether their faith is genuine? What are some signs of a growing and enduring faith?

Why is it significant that Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection were “in accordance with the Scriptures”? What Old Testament passages or themes do you think Paul is referring to? (eg. Isaiah 53:10-12; Psalm 16:10-11) How does fulfilled prophecy strengthen your confidence in the gospel?

How can we live in light of the truth that Jesus died for our sins and rose again? How does this passage shape our hope, especially in the face of suffering or death? In what ways can we better reflect the power of the resurrection in our relationships and choices?

Who first delivered the gospel to you—and who can you now pass it on to? How can this passage inspire us to share the gospel more boldly and clearly?

### PRAY