

RAISED TO LIFE

Part 3: Raised With Jesus

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1 Corinthians 15:3-10a

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance...

The story of Jesus is the most important story in human history.

...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried...

The story of Jesus is personal because he died for our sins.

...and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

The apex of the story of Jesus is that he was raised to life.

⁵...and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

After Jesus was raised to life he confirmed his resurrection by appearing to:

Peter, a man who denied him

His twelve closest friends, many of whom abandoned him

500 witnesses, many who had walked away from him

James, his brother who would carry a message of hope from him

The apostles, many of whom were killed for sharing about Jesus

Saul, a murderer who was raised to life as Paul the Apostle

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am...

A moment of honesty:

Right now, I am drowning in _____.

***We can all be raised to life from sin and death
because Jesus was raised to life.***

Dear Jesus,

I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth that you are the Son of God, that you came to earth to die for my sins, and that you were raised to life, defeating death and the grave once and for all. I ask you to forgive my sins and make me whole. I ask you to be the Lord and leader of my life and to use me to point more people toward you. I pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Next Steps

Read about **Alpha**, **CTK Introductions**, and **Small Group Launch** on today's program insert. Pick up a copy of CTK Life today to find out about all the groups, classes and events coming this spring.

Come back next weekend for one of our services (Saturday at 6 PM, Sunday at 9:30 or 11:15 AM). Next weekend is also Connect Weekend where you'll have a chance to find out more about groups and classes that will help you keep growing.

Small Group Questions

- 1) How did you spend your Easter? Was there a highlight for you?
- 2) How would you fill in the blank: "Right now, I am drowning in _____."
- 3) In the list of people who Jesus appeared to after the resurrection, who do you most relate to? Why?
- 4) When were you raised to life with Jesus? How has that relationship changed your life and your eternity?
- 5) When were you raised to life through baptism? How did that step of obedience change your life and eternity?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?