

**What if there had been no Resurrection?**  
AM Service I Corinthians 15:12-20 April 1, 2018

**Introduction**

Harry Houdini

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**Background – Some struggle with the concept of resurrection.**

The confusion

- a. The Corinthian Christians believed in Christ's resurrection or else they would not have been Christians.
- b. The difficulty
  1. Pagan religions and philosophies
  2. Sadducees
- c. The reality

The logical argument

- 1. Preaching would be profitless.**
- 2. Faith would be foolish.**
- 3. Disciples would be deceivers.**
- 4. Sin would be sovereign.**

**5. Death would have dominion.**

**6. Our future would be futile.**

**Conclusion – “But now Christ is risen from the dead...”**

“The wrath of God was satisfied  
with the suffering and death of Jesus.  
The holy curse against sin was fully absorbed.  
The obedience of Christ was completed to the fullest measure.  
The price of forgiveness was totally paid.  
All that was left to accomplish  
was the public declaration of God's endorsement.  
This He gave by raising Jesus from the dead.”  
John Piper

That is the Good News – the Gospel

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

Resurrection is not optional.

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery