

Foretold One: Victorious King

Wylie United Methodist Church

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1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-20

1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 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 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. 9-11... 12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. 20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Because the tomb is empty, we know that...

1. **JESUS IS WHO HE CLAIMED TO BE**

Matt 1:22-23 (The prophets proclaimed Jesus as God)

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

John 14:9 (Jesus proclaimed Himself as God)

"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

John 10:30

"I and the Father are one."

Mark 14:61-62

61 Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 "I am," said Jesus...

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2. **JESUS HAS THE POWER HE CLAIMED TO HAVE**

John 10:18 (Jesus promised that He had power over death itself)

"No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again."

Romans 1:4 (His resurrection proved His power)

[Jesus] was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead.

Acts 1:8 (He promised to give us power)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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3. **JESUS DOES WHAT HE PROMISES TO DO**

Matthew 28:5-6 (Jesus promised to rise from the dead and did it)

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

John 16:7 (Jesus promised to send us the Holy Spirit)

7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Ps 34:18 (Jesus loves us)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

John 11:25 (Jesus promised us resurrection)

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."