

The background of the image is a landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and purple. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. In the foreground, there are rolling hills and a prominent hill with a cross on top. The text "He is Risen!" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the center of the image.

He is Risen!

CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY

I Cor. 15

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

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² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

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³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

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⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

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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.

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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.

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

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¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

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¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach,
and this is what you believed.

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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?

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¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

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¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

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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.

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¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

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¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile;
you are still in your sins.

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¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

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¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But he arose from the dead and mounted up to the heights of heaven. When the Lord had clothed himself with humanity, and 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: Who is he who contends with me? Let him stand in opposition to me. I set the condemned man free; I gave the dead man life; I raised up the one who had been entombed.

Who is my opponent? 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 befouled 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, I am leading you
up to the heights of heaven, I will show you the
eternal Father, I will raise you up by my right hand.

This is the one who made the heavens and the earth,
and who in the beginning created man, who was
proclaimed through the law and prophets, who
became human via the virgin, who was hanged upon a
tree,

who was buried in the earth, who was resurrected from the dead, and who ascended to the heights of heaven, who sits at the right hand of the Father, who has authority to judge and to save everything, through whom the Father created everything from the beginning of the world to the end of the age.

- This is the alpha and the omega. This is the beginning and the end—an indescribable beginning and an incomprehensible end. This is the Christ. This is the king. This is Jesus. This is the general. This is the Lord. This is the one who rose up from the dead. This is the one who sits at the right hand of the Father. He bears the Father and is borne by the Father, to whom be the glory and the power forever. Amen.

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