

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ:
History, Mystery, and Victory

1 Corinthians 15

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. . . he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

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Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. (vv.5-8)

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I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery.

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We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

II. The Resurrection of Christ is Covered in Mystery (1 Cor.15:50-53).

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. (vv.50-53)

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him (1 Jn.3:2).

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When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

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“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

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The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (vv.54-57)