



**Easter Sunday**

**April 21, 2019**

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To apologize means...

1. To offer an apology or \_\_\_\_\_ for some fault, insult, failure, or injury.
2. To make a formal \_\_\_\_\_ in speech or writing.

Apologetics is the discipline of defending \_\_\_\_\_.

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The B-I-B-L-E

Yes, that's the book for me

I stand alone on the word of God

The B-I-B-L-E

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*I passed on to you what I received, of which this was most important: that Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say; that he was buried and was raised to life on the third day as the Scriptures say; and that he was seen by Peter and then by the twelve apostles. After that, Jesus was seen by more than five hundred of the believers at the same time. Most of them are still living today, but some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all he was seen by me—as by a person not born at the normal time.*  
**(1 Corinthians 15:3-8, NCV)**

Four essential parts of the gospel

1. Christ \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He was \_\_\_\_\_.

3. He was \_\_\_\_\_.

4. He \_\_\_\_\_.

*And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is worth nothing, and your faith is worth nothing. And also, we are guilty of lying about God, because we testified of him that he raised Christ from the dead. But if people are not raised from the dead, then God never raised Christ. If the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith has nothing to it; you are still guilty of your sins. And those in Christ who have already died are lost. If our hope in Christ is for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone else in the world. (1 Corinthians 15:14-19, NCV)*

#### Evidence for the Resurrection

1. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

2. Jesus' post-resurrection \_\_\_\_\_

3. The transformation of \_\_\_\_\_

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ accounts of Jesus' resurrection

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*"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world — and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible." ~ **Chuck Colson** (special counsel to President Richard Nixon)*

#### Next Steps

- If you prayed to accept Christ as your savior today, tell someone. (You can let Pastor Rob know at [pastor.rob@3ag.org](mailto:pastor.rob@3ag.org).)
- If you don't regularly attend church, it's important that you do so. (We'd love to have you at Trinity if you don't have anywhere else to go.)
- If you have questions, contact Pastor Rob ([pastor.rob@3ag.org](mailto:pastor.rob@3ag.org)) or Pastor Kristin ([pastor.kristin@3ag.org](mailto:pastor.kristin@3ag.org)).