



EASTER SUNDAY

AN EASTER-LESS WORLD

Pastor Lance Olimb April 20 2014 :: 1 Cor 15:3-20

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 (ESV)

NO RESURRECTION?

Some in the church of Corinth were arguing against a resurrection of the dead. Paul noted the seriousness of this thinking but addressed it in a surprising manner. He went along with the premise! What we find is a thought experiment; what would it be like to live in an Easter-less world? The results are not pretty. The following is a list of the consequences Paul outlines. Which aspects of the text or sermon were particularly helpful to you?

- Consequences of an Easter-less world:
 - Christ is not raised
 - Our Preaching is Vain
 - Our faith is vain
 - We are still in our sins
 - The dead have perished
 - We are most to be pitied

APPLICATION

- a. Have you considered how central the resurrection is to our faith? Do you find it difficult to embrace the miracle of this fact? Have you experienced shame or hesitation in being so 'unreasonable' or old-fashioned?
- b. What aspects of your life anticipate the resurrection? Do you face problems in a different way knowing that Jesus has overcome death on your behalf? How do we deal with suffering in light of this reality?