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**Title: First among many**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

**Everything for us is centered around the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If he did not rise from the grave, we would then be a pitiful group. Praise God that He did in fact rise from the dead!**

**Today we'll discuss what Jesus said  
about His resurrection, what men  
confirmed once He rose, and its  
significance relative to all others who  
rose from the dead.**

**During his public ministry, Jesus Christ made it clear not only that He would die, but also that He would rise from the dead. He would resurrect, in other words.**

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**Matthew 26:30-35**

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**John 2:18-25; John 11:17-24**

**Some passages say the Jesus Christ rose  
the dead, others that His Father raised  
Him up. Which is it?**

**Acts 13:26-33; 2 Corinthians 4:11-14;  
Hebrews 13:20-21**

**Jesus Christ did in fact raise up Himself  
from the dead, but He did so with power  
that His Father gave him:**

**Matthew 28:11-20**

**Remember that the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. The vast majority of people don't either, which is pitiful.**

**Matthew 22:23-34; Acts 23:1-8**

**Outside of the testimony Jesus Christ gave, many alive after his resurrection confirmed that it was He who rose from the dead.**

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**2 Corinthians 5:13-15; Galatians 1:1-5;  
1 Peter 1:18-24**

**Christ is not the first to rise from the  
dead, but He is the Firstborn of the  
dead.**

**The Greek word *prōtotokos* denotes not first in literal order, but instead first in prominence and preeminence and significance.**

**Romans 8:28-30; Colossians 1:15-20**

**During his life, Jesus Christ raised  
people from the dead:**

**Luke 8:49-56; John 11:31-44**

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**1 Corinthians 15:20-22; Ephesians  
2:4-7; Colossians 2:8-14**

**Remember the upward call of God,  
which we believers have, and how it's  
wrapped up in His Son:**

**Philippians 3:8-14**

**Jesus Christ said He would rise from the dead, then He did, and many suffered + died attesting to the fact that He did so. That resurrection is central for us, and without it, we have no hope.**

**Jesus Christ was not the first to rise from the dead, but He is the Firstborn of the dead. He is preeminent, and Because He rose from the dead, we will rise in due time. He's the First among many.**

**Paul wrote that we believers would be pitiful if the resurrection of Christ had not taken place. Pray earnestly for those whom we should pity, those have not yet believed the gospel of this same Christ.**