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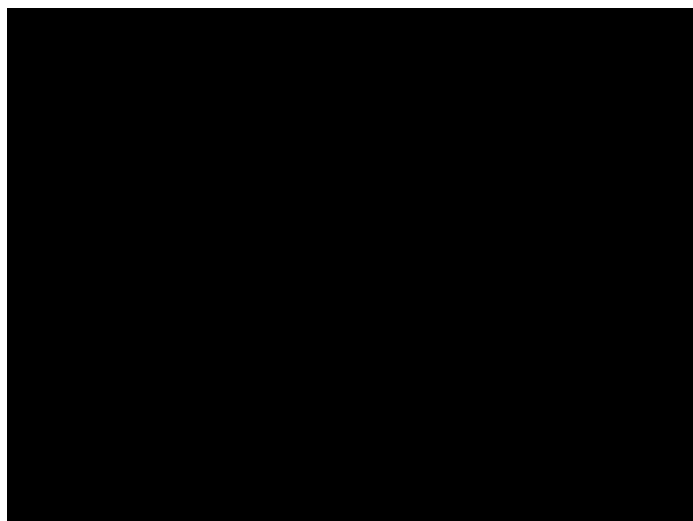
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¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

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¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

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¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

—1 Corinthians 15:12-19 ESV

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1 Corinthians 15:13

If there is no resurrection...then what?

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**Christ Did Not Conquer Anything
and Has Nothing to Offer Anyone**

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**In him was life, and the life was the
light of men. —John 1:4 ESV**

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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

—John 10:10 ESV

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I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

—John 10:28 ESV

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²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

—John 10:25-26 ESV

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1 Corinthians 15:14

Preaching is a Pointless Activity

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[Peter] ²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

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²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

—Acts 2:22-24 ESV

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[Paul] ¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you —unless you believed in vain.

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³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
—**1 Corinthians 15:1-5 ESV**

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1 Corinthians 15:14, 17

Faith is Futile and Even Foolish

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...who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. —**Romans 4:25 ESV**

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1 Corinthians 15:15

Disciples are Deceivers, not Believers

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**Death Has Dominion and
We Are All Doomed**

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Christians are Pitiful People

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But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead... —1 Corinthians 15:20 ESV

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**He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!**

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**²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
—1 Corinthians 15:21-22 ESV**

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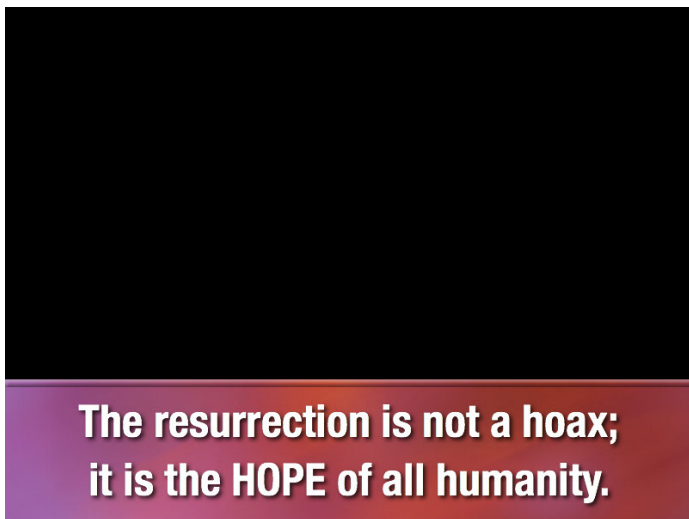
“Our earthly bodies without infirmity and without sin shall inherit the kingdom of God... To rise in glory is to rise in the beauty and utmost completeness that is possible to possess as a human creature. Sin and corruption have made a bad work in our bodies and souls.”

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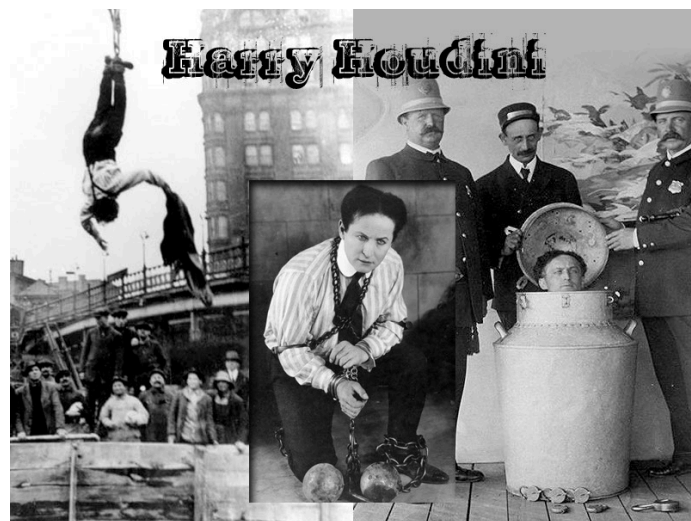
“But in glory there shall be no lame legs, no crumpled shoulders, no bleared eyes, and no wrinkled faces—He will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body.”

—John Bunyan

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**Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have
fallen asleep. —1 Corinthians 15:20 ESV**

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**⁹Therefore God has highly exalted
him and bestowed on him the
name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, in heaven
and on earth and under the earth,
—Philippians 2:9-10 ESV**

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