

ALL ABOUT JESUS – 5
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MAIN OBJECTIVE: To be sure everyone knows they will make heaven.

WHY? We're living in the land of the dying. When we die we go to the land of the living – a place of eternal comfort or suffering.

REVIEW

- The Bible is all about Jesus from beginning to end.
- There are four phases to the message: The Father's dream for a family, redemption from sin, the dream come true, and the family home.
- We are living in the third phase: The dream come true.

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We have nothing to do with three of the four phases of the message. The family was God's idea. Redemption was all God. The family home is God's workmanship. Becoming a member of God's family is up to us. **MARK 1:14-15**

THE GOSPEL – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-9

This was written by a devout Jewish Pharisee so zealous to defend his faith that he persecuted and killed followers of Christ. Saul is first mentioned in **ACTS 7:57-60**. This same man is the author of 14 New Testament books. What caused the radical change? **ACTS 9:1-6** - The resurrection.

THE EMPTY TOMB – MATTHEW 28:1-6

We live in a day when many say all religions are the same. That all religions lead to the same God. What sets Christianity apart from other religions is an empty tomb. Jesus staked His entire ministry on His bodily resurrection from the dead. Only Christianity claims an empty tomb for its founder. No resurrection was claimed for Abraham – founder of Judaism; Buddha, of Buddhism; Confucius, of Confucianism; or Muhammad, of Islam. These may have a holy book, large congregations, and beautiful buildings, but none claim an empty tomb.

IF CHRIST BE NOT RAISED - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19

- All preaching is useless, empty and futile.
- Our faith is useless, empty and futile.
- We are false witnesses telling lies.
- We are still in our sin.
- Our departed loved ones in Christ have perished.
- We are to be pitied above all men. **V19, 32**

NOW IS CHRIST RISEN – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-23

This is from Paul, the eye witness who went from Judaism to Christianity because of an empty tomb and resurrected Christ. **ACTS 2:24, 31**

- The play by play: The incarnation, His life on earth, His crucifixion, His being made sin, His travail, His being raised by the glory of the Father, His entering the throne with His Blood and obtaining eternal redemption.
- **EPHESIANS 2:1-6** – Everyone was raised with Him. All that's left to do is receive Him.
- **JOHN 3:1-7** – We must be born again into the family of God. The choice is ours.
- **ROMANS 10:7-13** - Tells how.

CONCLUSION: Jesus did His part, have we done ours? **HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?**