

What if Mercy Never Came?

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The Message of Mercy

- Jesus _____ for our sins.

When Jesus had tasted it, He said, "It is finished!" Then He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. John 19:30

- Jesus was _____ in a borrowed tomb.

The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before...they laid Jesus there. John 19:41-42

- Jesus _____ on the third day.

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross. He isn't here! God raised Him to life, just as Jesus said He would. Matthew 28:5-6

But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Because of the Resurrection:

- You have a message of _____.

And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless. v. 14

- Your faith has _____.

And if Christ has not been raised...your faith is useless. v. 14

- Your life-changing story is _____.

And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. v. 15

- Your sins are _____.

And if Christ has not been raised...then you are guilty of your sins. v. 17

- Your promise of heaven is _____.

In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! v. 18

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

He is _____ !

Next Steps:

Check one:

_____ A – Already a follower of Jesus

_____ B – Becoming a follower of Jesus today

_____ C – Considering becoming a follower of Jesus soon