

## **I Corinthians 15:11-26 The Power Of The Resurrection 7/27/2025**

**Intro:** Astronomical zoom movies: Burn After Reading/ Phone Booth/ Noah/The Burbs/Ted/Stranger Than Fiction/The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Universe/John Carter/Superman Returns/Men In Black/Contact.

The point of doing the zoom at the beginning of the movie is so you do not get lost in the moment-by-moment events, and hopefully see the macro and micro events in life as all -of -a-piece; connected in some way.

The Resurrection is the single most important event of all times! It is the verification of all that Jesus said. It connect time and eternity.

**Zoom in: I Cor. 15:1-4**

**Zoom out: Romans 1: 1-7** Massive implications for the meaning of this life and the next.

**Zoom in:** These gritty, physical events eliminate any namby-pamby ideas of spiritualities promoted by Greeks, Romans, or today's religious philosophies. This physical, bodily, Resurrection of Jesus is the distinction; the uniqueness; the raw power of the Christian life!

**Zoom out: I Cor. 2:4-10** One man, but more than a man. He went so small, so allowed Himself to be humiliated, as to die a criminal's death for us, to take us eventually to realities beyond our comprehension!

**Zoom in: 1 Cor. 15:5-10** The solid eye-witnesses of a physical Jesus over 40 days, in all kinds of situations, locations, times of day and night, and a great variety of people.

**Today's Text: 1 Cor. 15: 11-26 \*\*\*\*\***

**Zoom in: 1 Cor. 15: 11-20** What it means? No middle ground!

Make your choice!

I have no idea how much more evidence you want! (Maybe something else is brewing in your heart that is preventing your from wholeheartedly believing in Christ.)

Note the perfect tense in 1 Cor. 15: 20. Not just "was" raised ( aorist tense) but the perfect tense, "**has been raised.**" The perfect tense means something that happened in the past with continued vital results! Remember the "living hope through the resurrection" " Peter talked about before? **I Peter 1: 3.** This is an example of that.

### **Zoom out: 1 Cor. 15:21-25 ( Romans 5: 12-21)**

Christ' one aim was to please the Father. This end was reached when He cried out, "It is finished!" on that cross. John 19: 30. At the end of the age, ultimately, when our Lord, having, "subdued all things to Himself" is then able to present to the Father a realm dominated by His will and filled with obedient sons and daughters. It is the end of sin and death! It is the beginning of the eternal state. "He hands over" paradido (παράδωκεν) does not connote the losing of anything. Christ is always reigning, forever.

**John 17: 10-** "and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I have been glorified in them."

**Revelation 11: 15-17** Christ' reign began before creation and continues for all eternity.

**Final:** You will continue to zoom in and zoom out to live the Christian life. It will fill your life with meaning and joy!