

# Questions for Life

From Sunday, April 4, 2010

## A World Without Easter

1 Corinthians 15:

14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* vain

and your faith *is* also vain.

15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise.

16 For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile;

you are still in your sins!

18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1. While growing up, what do you remember about Easter? Did your family have any traditions you observed? Did Easter have any special significance for you or your family?

2. What did you used to believe about life after death before you believed in bodily resurrection?

3. As you think about a Christian loved one whose spirit is with Christ, how does it make you feel to think about his or her future, bodily resurrection?

4. How does it make you feel to think about your own bodily resurrection?

5. As you think about the meaning of I Corinthians 15:16, how does it make you feel?

6. What would you say to someone who doesn't think it matters if Jesus rose, or did not rise, from the dead?