

FRIDAY, APRIL 24



I Corinthians 15:3–8 ♦ Psalm 106:16–23

Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. I Corinthians 15:6

Resurrection Power

A resurrection is a big deal. It tends to draw attention. Lazarus, for example, was a living testament that Jesus had the power to raise people from the dead. In fact, the Pharisees wanted to kill him so he wouldn't keep walking around and living, reminding people that Jesus was God.

But who will raise Jesus out from the grave? Well, God. When Jesus rose, He rose for good. No one would be able to make Him go away. In fact, He stayed around for forty days, showing people just how alive He was. He showed Himself to more than five hundred people at one time—not something that could have been easily faked.

“The victory remained with life, The reign of death was ended” (LSB 458:4).

There was no denying it. Life won over death by . . . dying. Jesus, “the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), points us all to the true way to life: Himself.

In the Bible reading, Paul names a list of those who saw Jesus and realized that He was the Son of God. What did they do? They went out and told others!

We are His witnesses today. We have heard His Word. We have been set free. His Spirit lives inside us. So what do we do? Filled with the same Spirit as the first disciples, we go and tell others, that they may hear and believe.

*Spirit of Truth, fill us with the Good News,
that we may share it with others. Amen.*