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SERMON NOTES - PASTOR MERRITT K. HOLE - 04/01/18 - M.S.

"The High Price Of Being A Resurrection Fool!"

1 Corinthians 15:12-22

INTRO: The physical resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the primary pillar of Christianity. Our faith stands or falls on the truth of a risen Savior. Those who deny the reality of His resurrection and yet preach His "religion" are fools, for they have gutted Christianity of all that matters. The resurrection is either the greatest deception known to man or the greatest doctrine revealed in the Bible!!

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1. The Affirmation - vv. 1-4

2. The Attestation - vv. 5-12a

II. THE CONCESSION TO NO RESURRECTION
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IV. THE CORRECTION TO NO RESURRECTION
1. His Resurrection ***Did*** Happen - v. 20

2. Our Resurrection ***Will*** Happen - vv. 21-22

CONCL: Without the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, Christians are left with nothing. But the evidence is solid: the garden tomb was and remains empty. Jesus is risen. Thus, it is the fool denying the resurrection who is left with nothing but emptiness in the here and now and eternal damnation in the hereafter. Jesus is alive: believe it and receive Him. Don't be a fool. The price is way too high!

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