THE GOSPEL OF THE RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Key Verses: 15:3,4

1. Review the issues Paul has been addressing in this church (1:11,12; 5:1; 6:5,6,18; 7:32–34; 8:10,11; 9:3; 10:14; 11:20,21; 14:4,23,26,33,40). What do these issues show about these people?
2. What issue does Paul address next? (15:12) Why might some people be saying this? How does Paul begin to address this matter? (1,2) How had these people responded to the gospel in the past? (1b) How should they continue to respond to it, and why? (2) What can we learn from this?
3. Read verses 3,4. What does the word “gospel” mean? What are its two main contents? What is the definition of sin? How does sin affect our relationships with God, with others and with ourselves? What are sin’s ultimate consequences? Why can we not resolve our sins on our own?
4. How does Christ’s death save us from our sins? How is his resurrection related to this? (Ro4:23–25) What does it mean to be “reminded” of this gospel? Why does Paul repeat the phrase “according to the Scriptures”?
5. What resurrection appearances of Christ does Paul mention, and why are they so important? (5–8) What happened to Paul himself after the Risen Christ appeared to him? (9,10) How is this further proof of Christ’s resurrection?